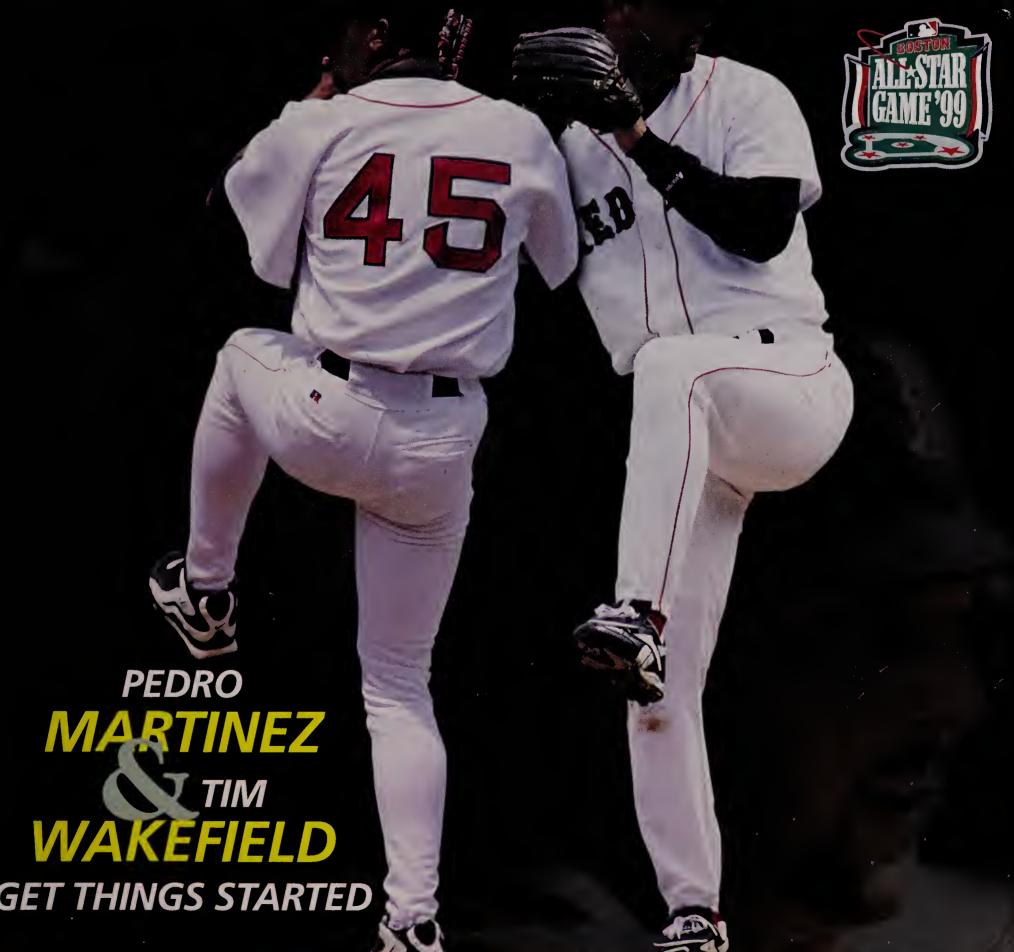
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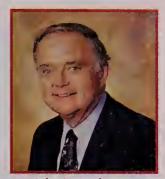
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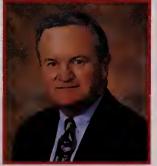
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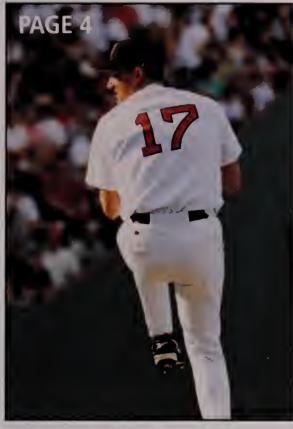
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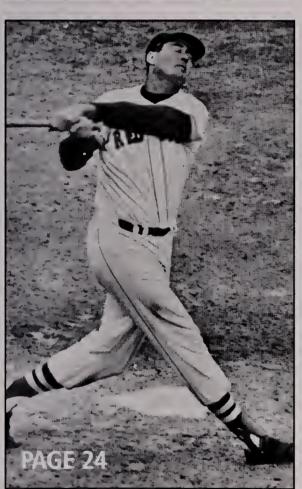
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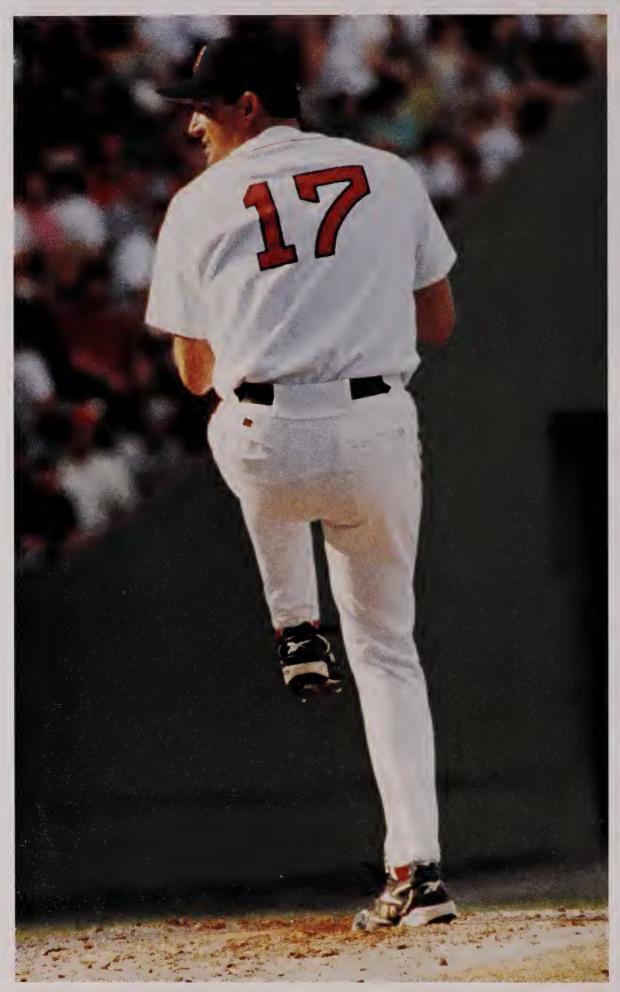
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Red Sox Starters



Bret Saberhagen

Il three pitchers issued a bit of a disclaimer this spring and each had a valid reason.

Pedro Martinez asked fans not to expect too much. He knew he wouldn't be unhittable every night.

Tim Wakefield admits it. He has no control over what happens to his knuckleball after it leaves his hand.

Bret Saberhagen predicted he'd have his ups and downs. After all, he'd pitched just 26 major league innings since 1995.

So, no one knew exactly how much to expect out of the Red Sox starting rotation this season.

Fifteen wins for Martinez? A conservative estimate for last season's National League Cy Young Award winner, but two more victories than any Sox pitcher managed last year.

Thirteen wins for Wakefield? That's what he'd averaged the previous two seasons.

Ten or 11 wins for Saberhagen? That sounded a tad optimistic for a guy who hadn't pitched in anyone's rotation for two full seasons.

But by the third week of August, each of these Red Sox starters had already met or exceeded those victory totals. More importantly, they had done it with a minimum of setbacks.

Martinez was 16-4, certainly meriting consideration for another Cy Young Award. Wakefield was 14-5, evoking memories of 1995, when he catapulted the Sox to the top of the A.L. East. And Saberhagen was well on his way to being Comeback Player of the Year, posting an 11-6 record in spite of some tough no-decisions.

Through August 18, Boston's Big Three had combined to go 41-15, accounting for 56 percent of the team's wins (and just 30 percent of the losses). Martinez, Wakefield and Saberhagen had emerged, unquestionably as the starts of the starting rotation.

"I think our starters have really done a nice job," summed up Manager Jimy Williams, whose team had been dealt some cruel blows early in the season.

Lefthander Butch Henry had been outstanding in early spring, only to suffer a pulled hamstring, then a season-ending knee injury in his second start of the season. Rookie Brian Rose started the season

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in the rotation, but was plagued by elbow problems and was never himself. Robinson Checo failed to get his feet on the ground and had his season disrupted when he suffered facial injuries from a batted ball.

The Big Three had to step up.

"We take a lot of pride in what we do," Saberhagen said. "It's nice to be a part of a staff that's doing very well."

Of course, in Saberhagen's case, it's just nice to be part of a staff, period. The two-time Cy Young Award winner had reconstructive shoulder surgery after the 1995 season. He sat out all of '96 and was limited to six lackluster starts at the tail end of '97. But Pitching Coach Joe Kerrigan points out that those six starts served a dual purpose — as a reward for a season of rehab in '97 and a springboard for a season of success in '98.

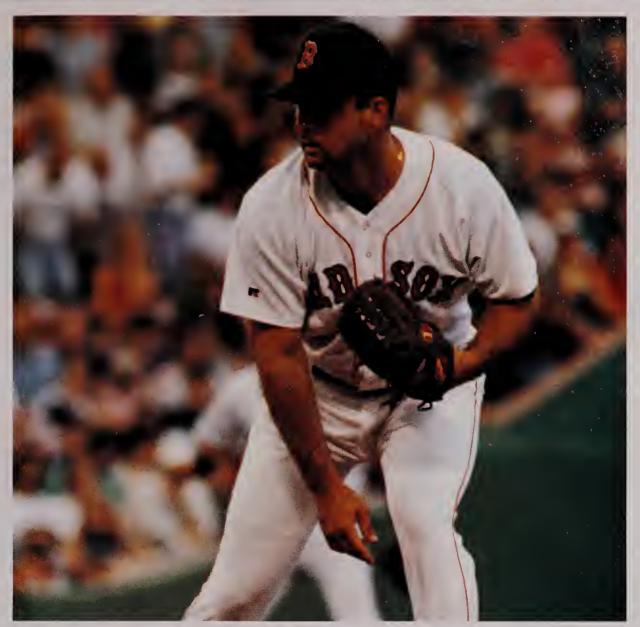
Saberhagen was back, pitching in the majors, but he clearly had his doubts. "Going into this spring, I just hoped to be pitching, keeping us in ballgames," he said. "To have 10 wins at the All-Star break — I didn't picture myself having that many. I was very happy with that."

All agree, Saberhagen was driven to not only come back, but also prove the skeptics wrong with his success.

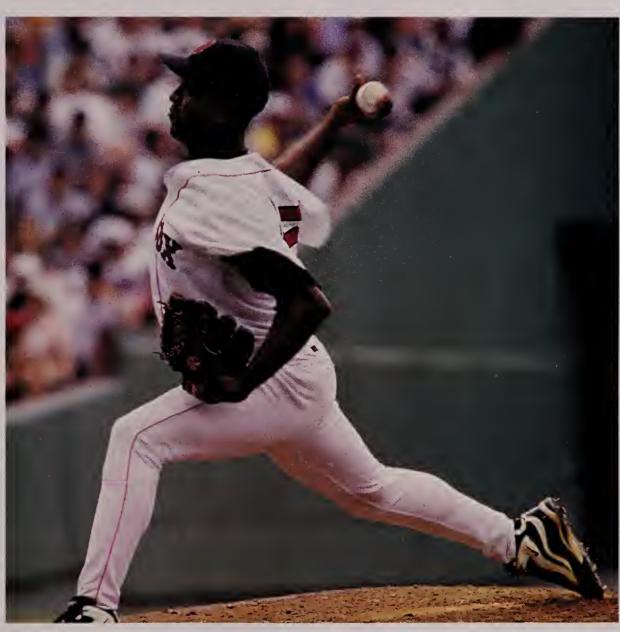
"He's been a huge bonus," Kerrigan said. "You didn't know what to expect from him in spring training. But after you've been around him for two or three months, you realize it's no accident what he's done. The man really did it more than the pitcher."

"I tip my cap to him and to (physical therapist) Rich Zawacki and our training corps who have helped get him to the level he's at for our ball club," Williams said. "He's always going to compete and give you everything he's got on that mound, whether it's fielding a bunt or catching a line drive that's hit back at him. He makes key plays to help himself...holding runners, using that slidestep, picking off a few runners, pitching both sides of the plate.

"He gets mad at himself when things



Tim Wakefield



Pedro Martinez

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don't go right. He has high expectations for himself and of his capabilities to help our team win on that mound."

Saberhagen is not only back to throwing his fastball in the low 90s, but throwing it where he wants it. Pitching in 1994 for the Mets, he finished the season with fewer walks (13) than victories (14). That won't happen this season, but in early August, Saberhagen was riding a streak in which he'd walked a total of two batters in eight starts, a span of 48 ¹/₃ innings.

The control's coming back," said Saberhagen, who said his biggest thrill so far this season was getting his first big league victory since 1995. "My first win in over two years — it was a long time coming."

The one thing he'd like to do, down the stretch, is pitch deeper into games. Williams and Kerrigan have been cautious with him, limiting him to seven innings and 100 pitches.

"It's the one thing I'm lacking so far," Saberhagen said. "I'd like to be able to go later in the game. Hopefully, if they do need it (late

in the season), I'll be able to give it to them. It's nice to have a pitcher the guys can count on to go nine."

Williams, however, will not push him. "He was our fifth starter coming out of spring training," notes the manager. "Then, all of a sudden, Butch Henry goes down, Brian Rose the same. He goes from being the fifth starter, where you're going to pitch him on five or six days' rest, to being third, where he's going to have to pitch a lot of games on four days' rest."

Despite the momentary frustration of not being permitted to finish what he starts, Saberhagen understands that the philosophy of preservation matches his own.

"The sign that I'm back is when I finish up the year on a healthy note," he said. "That was my goal from the beginning — not just to go out and pitch in games, but to pitch the entire season."

Martinez was one of three Red Sox players named to the American League All-Star team.

The task for Martinez was no less daunting than that facing Saberhagen: Duplicate a season in which he went 17-8 with a 1.90 ERA and struck out 305 batters — not a simple request when one considers that in his 1997 campaign with the Expos, Martinez became the first pitcher since Steve Carlton in 1972 to strike out 300 batters and post a sub-2.00 ERA in the same season. He was the first righthander to do so since Walter Johnson in 1912.

Throw in the facts that the Red Sox had traded two top pitching prospects for Martinez, then signed him to a \$75 million contract for six years, and the expectation level soared to new heights. Martinez has found Boston fans to be demanding. He thinks, at times, they expect machine-like perfection.

"I hope to have a nine-inning, perfect game every time I go out there so I can please everybody," he said. "But I know it's not going



Steve Avery

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to always be that way, so I'm ready (to hear) little 'boos' whenever I give up more than three (runs). I didn't think this was going to be easy, coming in this year. I didn't expect to go 25- or 30-0."

Still, Martinez brings a "can-do" attitude with him. "You know the way I am. Once I step on the mound I'm 100 percent competition," he said. "You never know what the results will be, but I want to win. I'm going to try to."

The results have been fine. Martinez was one of three Red Sox players named to the American League All-Star team and seemed to turn it up a notch after the All-Star break, firing a four-hit, 1-0 shutout against Cleveland. Going into mid-August, he'd won ten times in his last 12 starts.

Martinez and Williams had no doubt that a stomach ailment, early in the season, contributed to an early bump in the road when Martinez surrendered eight home runs in a two-game span. By mid-August, he'd reduced his ERA to 2.82. In 26 starts, he'd pitched 185 innings, struck out 196 and permitted just 148 hits. The boos were few and far between.

"Pedro is the guy we all look to, to pick us up and eat innings," Saberhagen said. "He's the man."

Wakefield said just having Martinez in the rotation has made a huge impact, decreasing the pressure he and the other starters feel. And following Martinez in the rotation is of particular benefit.

Wakefield's knuckleball doesn't just contrast with Martinez's fastball/changeup style, it clashes. "I'm sure batters need a while to adjust," Wakefield said.

Throwing strikes has been Wakefield's road to success. Opponents have been unable to lay off the knuckleball thanks to his consistently good control. "That is probably the biggest thing," he said. "My mechanics have been good all season." The result has been a 2-1 strikeout/walk ratio.

"He keeps that ball down and throws a lot of called strikes with it," Williams said. "He's used his other pitches well, too — his fastball and his curveball. He keeps those hitters off balance. But going 'strike one' with that knuckleball has been the biggest part of his success."

Deeper into his rotation, Williams has been



Pitching Coach Joe Kerrigan

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forced to mix and match more than he'd like. Beyond Martinez, Wakefield and Saberhagen, the most successful addition to the rotation has been Steve Avery. Banished to Pawtucket after struggling in the bullpen early in the season, Avery was searching for a way to regain the form which enabled him to win 18 games early in his career. His experiment with a lower arm angle seemed to improve the movement on his pitches. He won seven of his first nine decisions and improved to 8-4 when he limited Seattle to two hits over six

innings on Aug. 4.

The difference in Avery? "He expects to get outs now," said Kerrigan, who convinced the lefthander to give the new arm angle a try as he warmed up for a June 2 start in Toronto.

Avery's good fortune has not rubbed off on Boston's other starters this season. Derek Lowe pitched well enough to win as a starter on several occasions, but did not post a victory until he was returned to the bullpen in July. Jin Ho Cho, promoted directly from Double A, showed promise, but did not win any of his four starts. Neither, however, is being ruled out from future starting assignments.

"Derek Lowe stepped in there and pitched some good games, even though the results maybe weren't exactly what he wanted," Williams said. "I know we like him right where he is, helping our bullpen. He's done well there." Indeed, Lowe seems at home coming out of the pen with an ERA well below 3.00 as a reliever.

"You saw flashes of what Cho can do—that he can pitch effectively in the big leagues," said Red Sox Executive Vice President and General Manager Dan Duquette. "He has the good stuff."

Duquette did not add a starting pitcher, prior to the July 31 pre-waiver trading deadline, a signal that John Wasdin would be given a chance to stick in the rotation. Wasdin improved to 5-3, defeating Oakland in a West Coast starting assignment, then pitched effectively in Seattle. Consistency from the young righthander would be a huge boost down the stretch. However, Dan Duquette was able to acquire lefthanded starter Pete Schourek from Houston in early August.

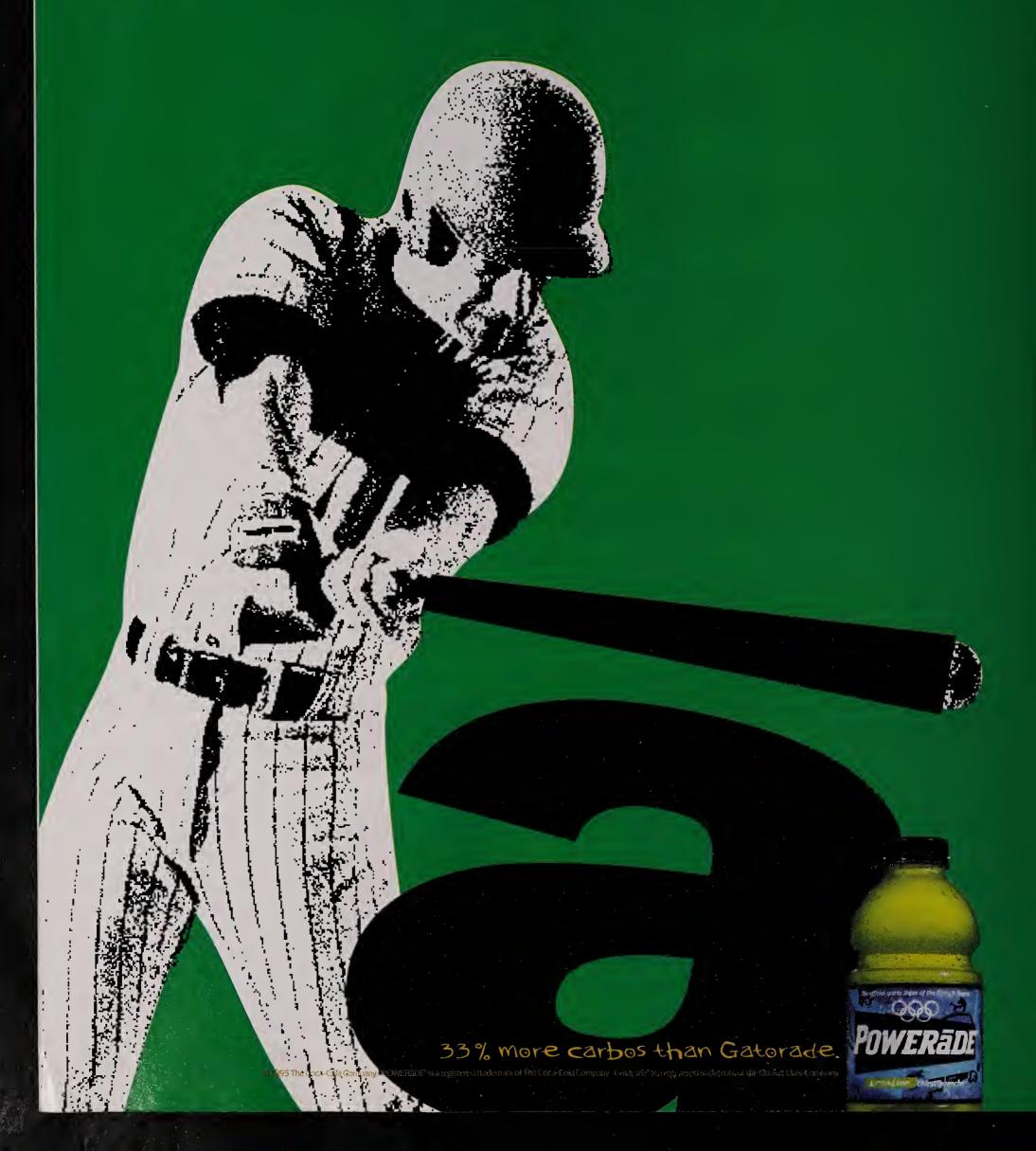
But if the Red Sox are to succeed, in September and into the playoffs, it will be by riding the Big Three. In any short, post-season series, the combination of Martinez, Wakefield and Saberhagen figures to give Boston the match for any opponent.

"We have the experience here," Martinez said. "All we need is consistency. If we're healthy, we can do it. If you're going to talk playoffs and stuff, I'm really the only one that's never been there — and I think I can get anyone out in any playoff game. Wake, Saberhagen, Avery — they've been to every-

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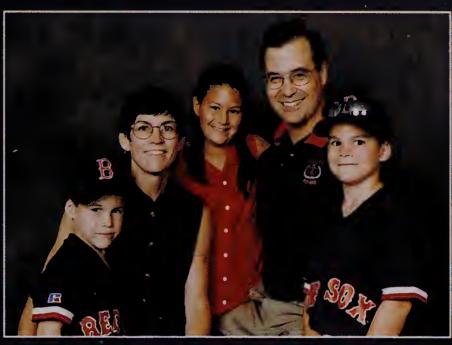
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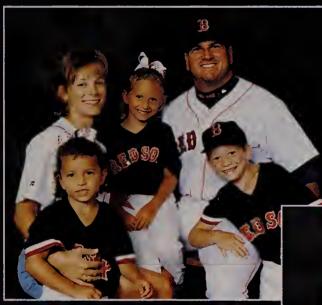
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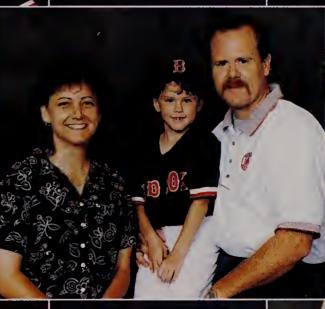
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Executive VP and General Manager Dan Duquette with his wife, Sharon, and their children: Dana (6), Denise (11) and Daniel (9).



Diane and Jim Corsi with Jenna (4 1/2), Julianne (8 1/2) and Mitch (6).



Trainer Jim Rowe with wife, Beth, and their daughter Brittany (7).



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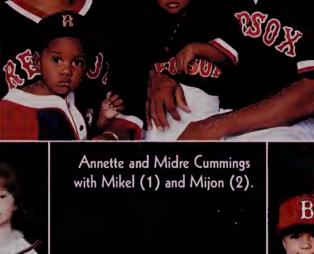
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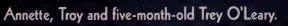
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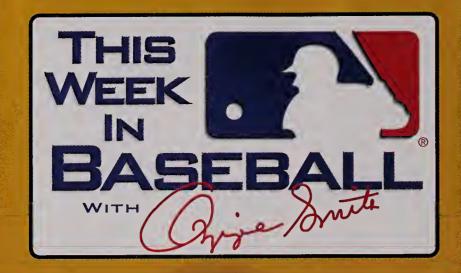


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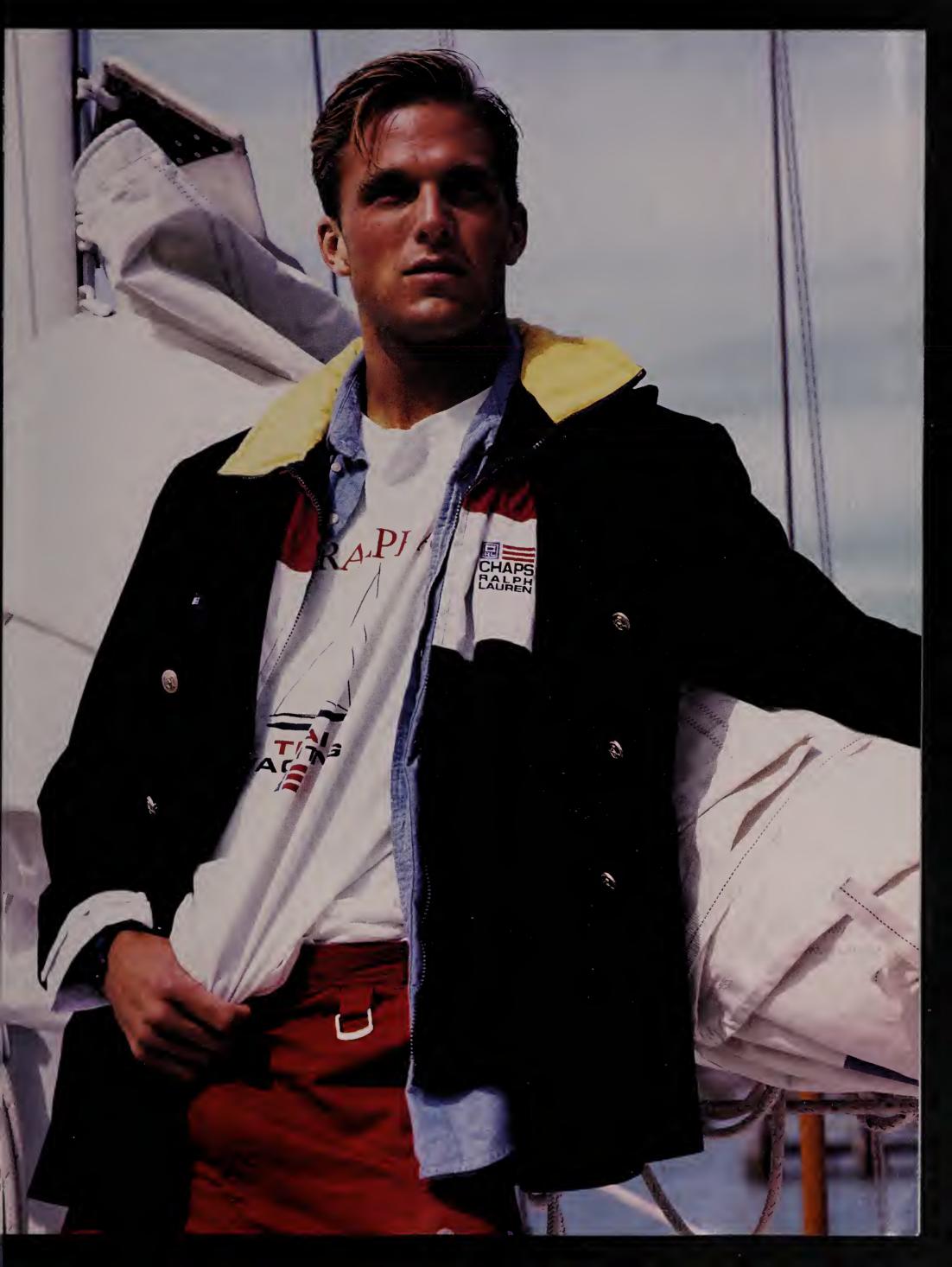


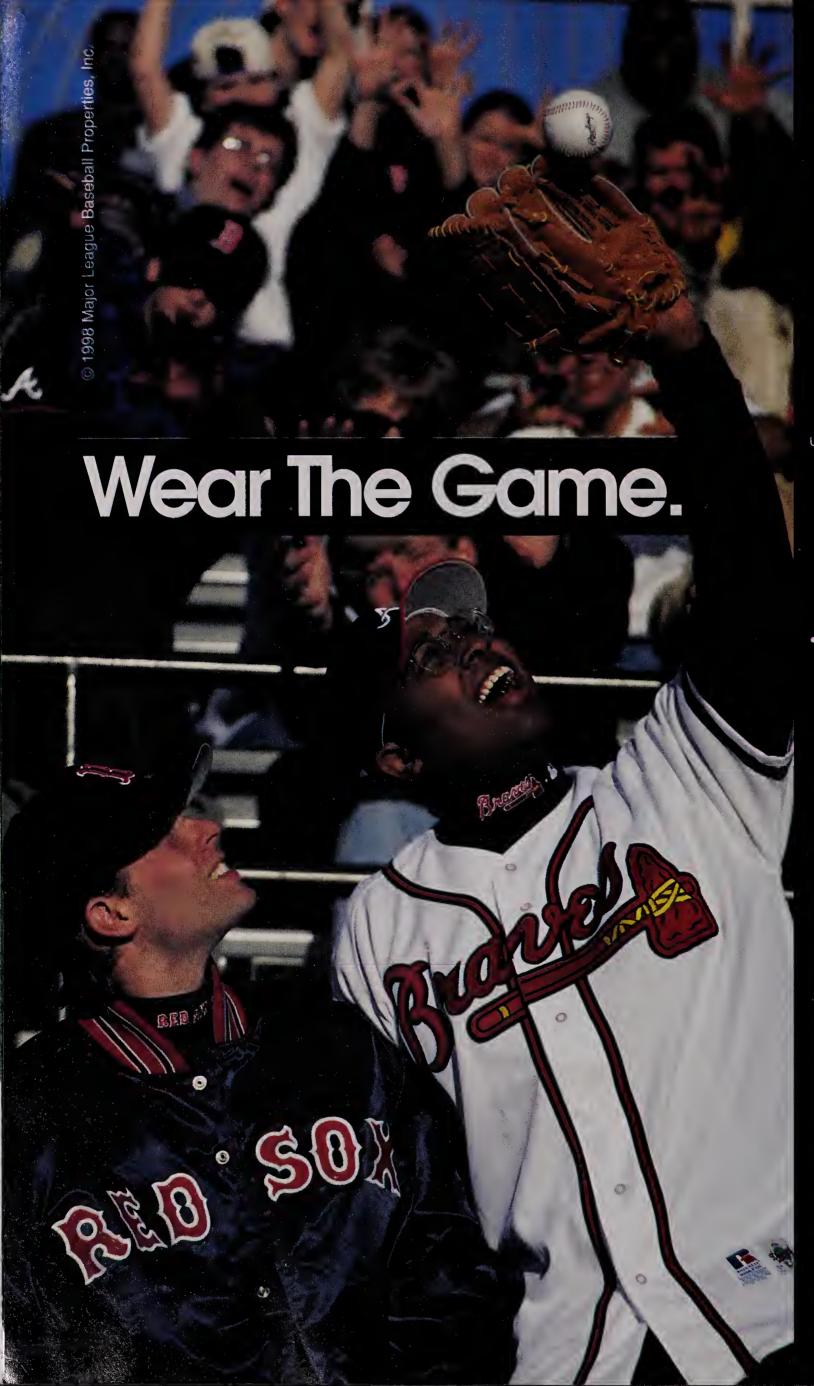
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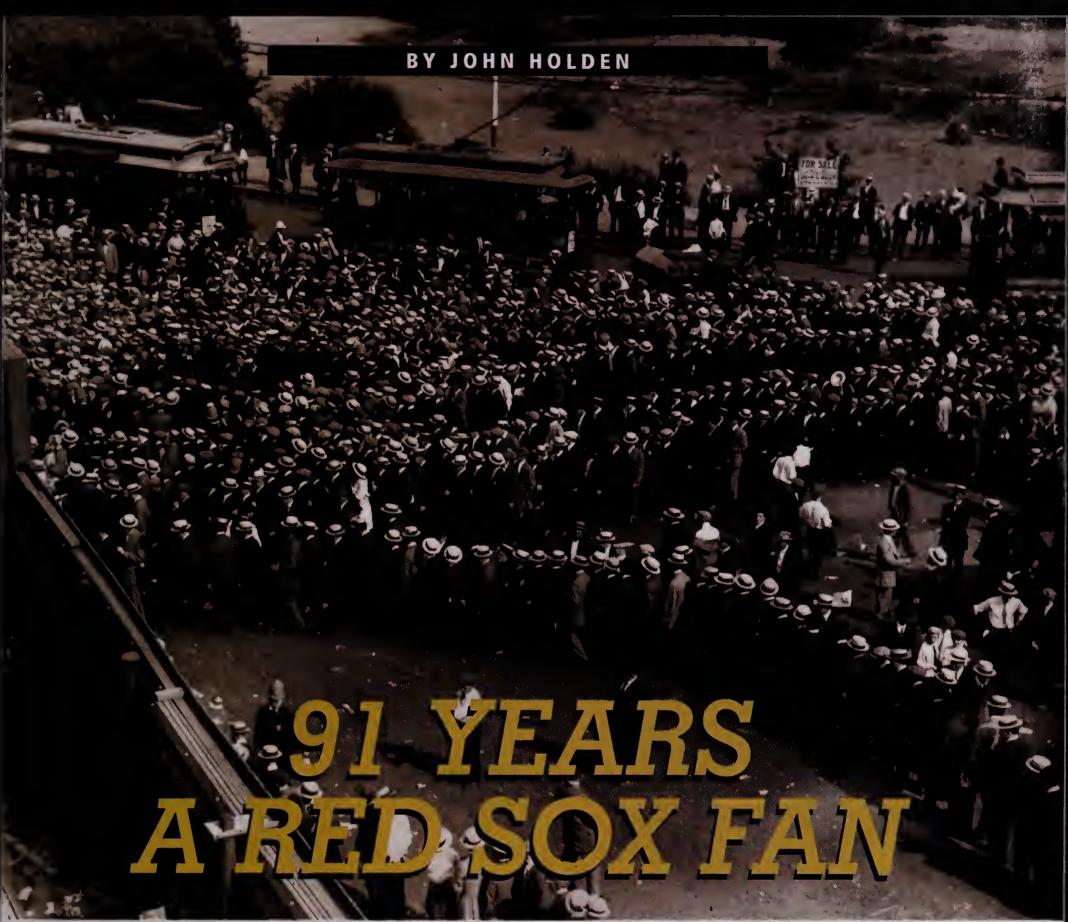
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When the day came, my mother trotted off to the streetcar, leaving my father and me, the first born of their children, then 13 months old. It was a beautiful day and the Red Sox were at home.

When my mother returned in late afternoon, nobody was home. Of course, she was worried, but there was nothing she could do but wait. Finally, my father turned the corner with me bundled in his arms. After all the exclamations of "Goodness gracious" and such, my mother finally got around to, "Where have you been?"

"The game," replied my father, who had a leaning toward brevity. "My goodness. What did the fans think?" asked my mother.

"They gave me a hand," he replied.

Maybe something strange happened that day — like a magic spell. Certainly not a curse, as someone suggested. Anyway, I've been a Red Sox fan ever since. And since my mother always stated that I was 13 months old, and since the time of my birth was June 19, 1906, obviously that great day was in July of 1907.

I know that I saw some games when I was seven and eight years old, but the BIG years were 1915 and 1916 when I was nine and 10. We won the World Series both years.

My father worked in a printing company on Congress St. in Boston at that time and usually worked until noon on Saturday. So, I would be down at the corner waiting at 12:30. In the summer months we had open trolley cars with running boards the length of the car. I could see him getting out on the running board two streets away. Our corner was between stops, and he would jump off the car while it was at full speed and race me to our house, the third from the corner. I was a good runner, but he never let me beat him.

As we had lunch, I waited. I never dared to ask, probably fearing

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We arrived at Massachusetts Station and then took the trolley that went along Boylston St. and wound down to the first base side of the park, our destination. We walked around to the bleachers entrance on Lansdowne St. Sometimes we bought a bag of peanuts from a push-cart vendor for a nickel. We neverbought anything inside the park except a scorecard, which cost a nickel. Peanuts inside the park were 15 cents — an outrageous price! My father always kept score, and I read the card before the game and between innings.

All games except doubleheaders started at three o'clock, and we usually arrived in time to see some of the batting practice and all of the fielding practice. I marveled at the accuracy of the infielders. They seldom bobbled a ground ball and their throwing was almost perfect.

My favorite players were Harry Hooper and Tris Speaker. Speaker was a tremendous player. My father was of the opinion that Speaker was better than Ty Cobb. Certainly, he was a better fielder and thrower, and at bat, he drove the ball further than Cobb did. Speaker

Danny MacFayden

Sometimes, when the Sox were home, we'd walk over to Fenway Park at noon and see some of the players enter the park.

was also a great base runner, but not as spectacular as Cobb. Of course in Boston, all fans in Boston were expected to have Cobb. That wasn't hard to do.

Hooper was one of my favorite players in the whole history of the Red Sox. He was great but not in the superstar status of Speaker. He was a top fielder and thrower and sometimes threw batters out at first base from his right-field position. Outfielders played a shorter field in those days. Since we always sat in the right-field bleachers, Hooper was the nearest to us, and he was ours.

We had a band in the 1915-16 era. Their uniforms resembled those of Union soldiers of the Civil War that I have seen pictured in old history books of my school days. This three- or four-man band was stationed beyond first base in the right-field stands and played briefly after every half inning. Then at the seventh-inning stretch, they always played what apparently had become the Red Sox song. It was far from a battle cry. It had a sweet sound and the name of it was "Tessie." Everyone stood and cheered, and it was great.

The scorecards listed all the players on the roster, but no names or numbers were on the uniforms. An announcer carrying a big megaphone moved to about four places along the foul lines and called the names of the starting battery before the first pitch. Then, if any changes took place, the announcer, beginning in left field, would scurry around and stop at the same spots as previously, and call "Janvrin batting for Foster," or whatever the change was. We had fewer substitutions than we do now, and frequently the starting pitcher would go the whole game.

Fenway Park had no bullpen then. Relief

pitchers warmed up somewhere in foul territory, and the bleacher fans were a little closer to the action.

The morning newspapers carried complete stories of the games. Very little was written about personalities at that time, and seldom any interviews with players, or about salaries. When I was about 14, I read in the paper that the major league minimum salary had been raised to \$2,400 a year. That was wonderful, and I dreamt that some day I could get there. Of course, with the Red Sox.

In my early days as a Red Sox fan, I especially remember Duffy Lewis and the way he played the cliff in left field, "Duffy's Cliff." This was a steep, grassy incline leading up to the left-field wall — pretty to look at, but treacherous to play. Lewis seemed to know every inch of that sward and was a peerless judge of a fly ball. He fielded that unique area with flawless grace, and he was a big favorite of the Red Sox fans.

In the '20s, I recall walking to Union Square, Somerville to read the baseball scores in a sheet called "The Bulletin," or maybe "The Evening Bulletin." This paper had nothing but baseball, was published in Boston and was distributed by messenger to various locations around the suburbs. It was posted in Union Square outside Edwards' Drug Store and outside DaPrato's Ice Cream Parlor. It carried the line scores and batteries of all major league games played that day. St. Louis was the furthest west team in the majors then, and since we had no night baseball, all games were usually completed by late afternoon. Our papers arrived no later than nine o'clock.

Sometimes, when the Sox were home, we'd walk over to Fenway Park at noon and see some of the players enter the park. The players showed up around noon and went into the park through a gate on Jersey Street (later Yawkey Way). One day we saw Ike Boone coming up in his old shabby car with a few kids on the running boards. Another time, a handsome man, very well dressed, drove an expensive looking car into the park, and I heard someone say "That's Waite Hoyt!" I was impressed.

My friend, John Messina, and I were both playing sandlot ball at that time, John in East Boston, and me for a Somerville team. Once in a while, when neither of us had a game that





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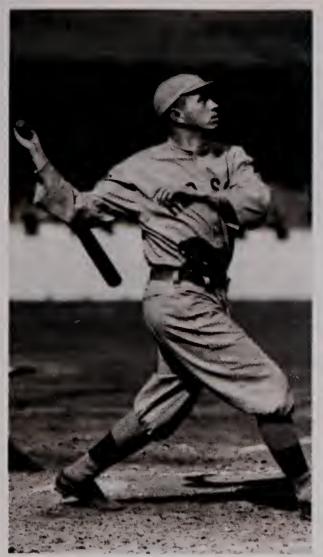


evening, we'd walk over to the park about five o'clock and sometimes catch an inning or two of the game. The ticket takers had gone. More often than not, the game was over by five o'clock, as we could see from the fans heading for the subway. Games seldom lasted more than two hours at that time.

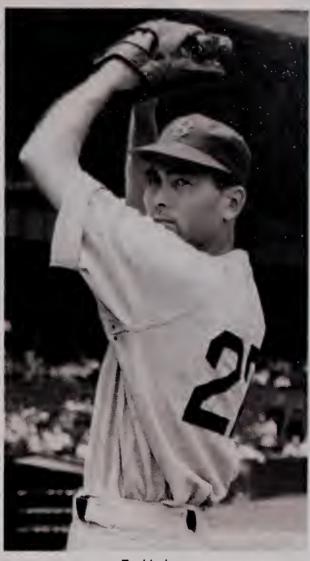
During the '20s and '30s, after Harry Frazee had sold Ruth and others, the Sox had lots of sad days. They were still my team, and I especially enjoyed some of the weekday games when attendance was two or three thousand, and the fans could spread out and put their feet on the seat in front. Win OR lose, it was always pleasant being there.

"Ladies' Day" came about somewhere in those bleak days, and it was getting results. We were seeing more ladies at all games. I was at the park one such day and two ladies a few rows behind me were quite vocal in cheering for the Sox. One in particular knew all the players by name and called out "OK, Joe, let's get another hit," and went on like this, player after player. Her friend, a little quieter, said "What's all the shouting for, Mabel?" and added, "We're ahead 12 to 1." Which, indeed we were. "I learned a long time ago," replied Mabel, "get all the runs you can get when you can get 'em." Every day was not sad. Far from it.

One day in the '20s, I was at the game early and long before warmup time for the starting pitcher, Danny MacFayden. He had been in my class at Somerville High School and was probably the best of the high school pitchers of that era. While in high school, he had a spectacular delivery, finishing off balance with his right foot well off the ground. When he got into big league ball, he could no longer use this elaborate delivery. So, for about 20 minutes, he was practicing his new delivery, dragging his right foot around on the mound to square up against the batter, and at the same time, raising his glove to face level. Danny worked hard at his craft. He wore glasses as far back as his junior high school days and had almost a "sissy" appearance. Boston schoolboy sportswriters dubbed him "Deacon" or "Specs," but he remained Danny, and no nickname ever stuck. He was a tough football and hockey player in high school, and I have seen him take some heavy hits and bounce back. His team-







Tex Hughson

We had a lot of great pitchers over the years. My favorite was Hughson...HE was a worker.

mate, "Gimty" Hogan, who later caught for the Braves and New York Giants, was quoted as saying "Danny has more guts than I'll ever have."

In 1929 in a twilight game at Fallon Field, Roslindale, I was hit in the head with a pitched ball, which fractured my skull; this was long before batting helmets. I was kept in the Cambridge Relief Hospital on Prospect Street, Cambridge for three weeks, and then was advised by Dr. Hughes, the physician in charge, not to return to work for another three weeks. This ended my playing days, but I continued to be involved with Somerville teams.

Around that time, Skinny Graham played for one of my teams. A tremendous athlete, he played center field and could field, run and throw as well as any player I have ever seen. A left-handed batter, he could never hit left-handed pitching. He hit well against right-handers, but this was before platooning, and he never made it in big league baseball. He played some with the Red Sox and with Brooklyn in the other league, and then dropped out of baseball. He was close to having everything

needed for a big league career.

One evening, in the fall of 1931 or 1932, Tom Cosgrove, an old baseball friend and teammate, came to our door, and Irv Burns was with him. Irv, by that time called Jack, was playing first base for the St. Louis Browns and was getting ready for a barnstorming trip through Maine, the big league season having just ended. This was a common practice and was a relaxing and fun time for the players, and they picked up a few dollars. I was told that each player was to bring one bat, and that's why Tom came to see me. We had a bag of about a dozen bats in a back closet, and Irv wanted to borrow one, which he did. They sat around for about an hour, and it was very pleasant.

Prior to his big league days, Irv had played for a team in East Cambridge. They wore green uniforms. Like about 20 or more players from Cambridge and Somerville, he was a good ballplayer, but not so spectacular as MacFayden or Graham. Obviously, he developed his skills and had a good career with the Browns.

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On August 30, Red Sox great Ted Williams turned 80 years old. We pay tribute to Ted on this happy occasion by remembering some of his many career highlights and special moments.



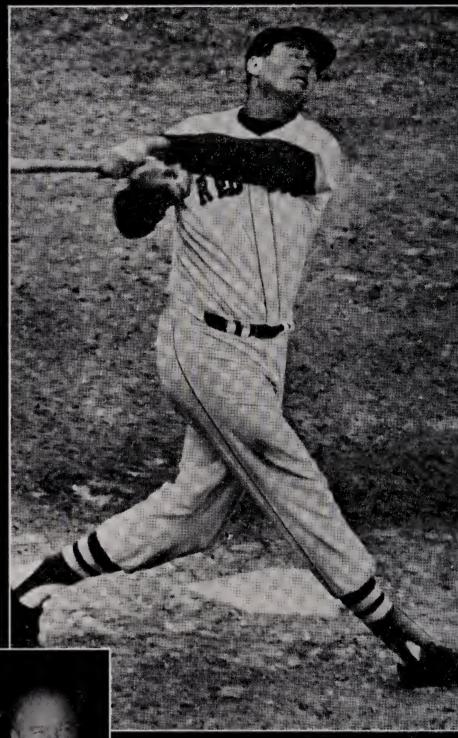
A smiling Ted, with teammates Dom DiMaggio and Billy Goodman, following a 21-2 victory over the Browns on June 24, 1949. Ted contributed to the attack with 2 homers and 7 RBI.



With teammate and good friend Johnny Pesky.



Red Sox General Manager Joe Cronin with the 1958 batting champion.



In his final at-bat, September 28, 1960 at Fenway Park, the Splendid Splinter delivered a home run into the Red Sox bullpen, the 521st of his career.



Offering some batting tips to a young Carl Yastrzemski.



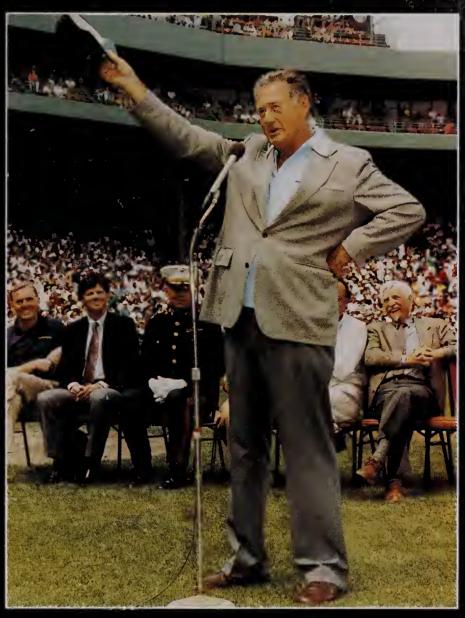
Ted sent one sailing during the 1986 Old Timers Game at Fenway!

A reflective Ted at the first Red Sox Hall of Fame Dinner and Enshrinement Ceremonies in November, 1995.





Through the years, Mrs. Yawkey, and her husband, Tom, shared a mutual admiration and special friendship with Ted.

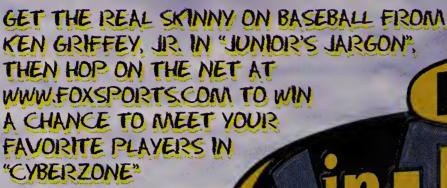


A tip of the cap to the Fenway fans during pre-game ceremonies in 1991 honoring Ted and the 50th anniversary of his phenomenal .406 season in 1941.



Ted came to town in December, 1995 for the official naming of the Ted Williams Tunnel. Governor William Weld officiated as Ted's son, John Henry, looked on.

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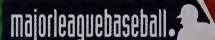


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Originally signed by San Francisco, June 1987.

Signed by the Red Sox January 31, 1997

to a minor league contract.

Major League Experience: San Francisco (1989-95); Phlladelphia (1996); Boston (1997-98)

Career Highlights:

In 1998:

- > At the All-Star Break was hitting .321 (59-184) in 67 games.
- Hit home run vs. White Sox July 5, his 1st since June 7, 1996 vs. Houston.
- Through games of AUGUST 16, has season career highs in games (93), AB (258), runs (35), hits (74), doubles (16) and RBI (33).

Entered 1998:

- With 26 stolen bases in 31 attempts; successfully stole 1st 14 bases in M.L.
- With career .325 avg. (13-40) in Fenway Park.
- In 1997 with Boston made 1st career pitching app. June 21 in Detroit and retired all 3 batters faced.
- Had 6 hits June 14, 1995 at Chi. (Cubs) to set a career high and tie Giants record.
- Set M.L. record with 14 hits in 3 games June 11-14, 1995 and tied M.L. record with 10 hits in 2 games June 13-14.
- Had career-high 3 stolen bases June 6, 1994 at Pittsburgh and career-high 4 RBI July 20, 1994 at Philadelphia.
- Had inside-the-park home run April 23, 1994 vs. Mets.
- In 1991 was 2nd rookie in Glants
 history to start a season opener and was
 0-3 as a shortstop April 9 at San Diego.
- M.L. debut was July 7, 1989 for Giants as a pinch runner.

Personal/Background:

- Married to Karen and they have three children: Briana (8), Michael Jr. (6), Braylee (3 1/2).
- Attended Arizona State Univ. and was 1987 NCAA All-American.
- Has helped Easter Seal Society raise funds for infants, children and adults with disabilities.

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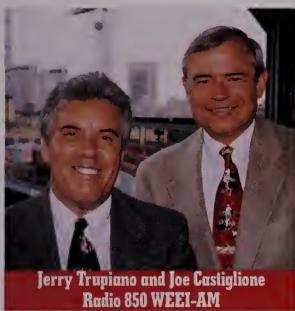
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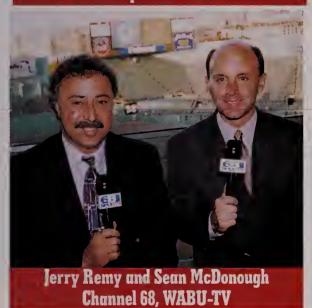
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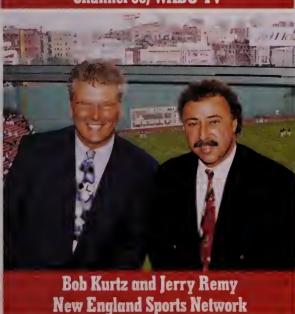
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On July 1, the Red Sox participated in the Jimmy Fund/Stop & Shop Ice Cream Day held at the Jimmy Fund Clinic. Pitcher Tim Wakefield assisted in scooping and serving the treats in addition to visiting and signing autographs for the youngsters.

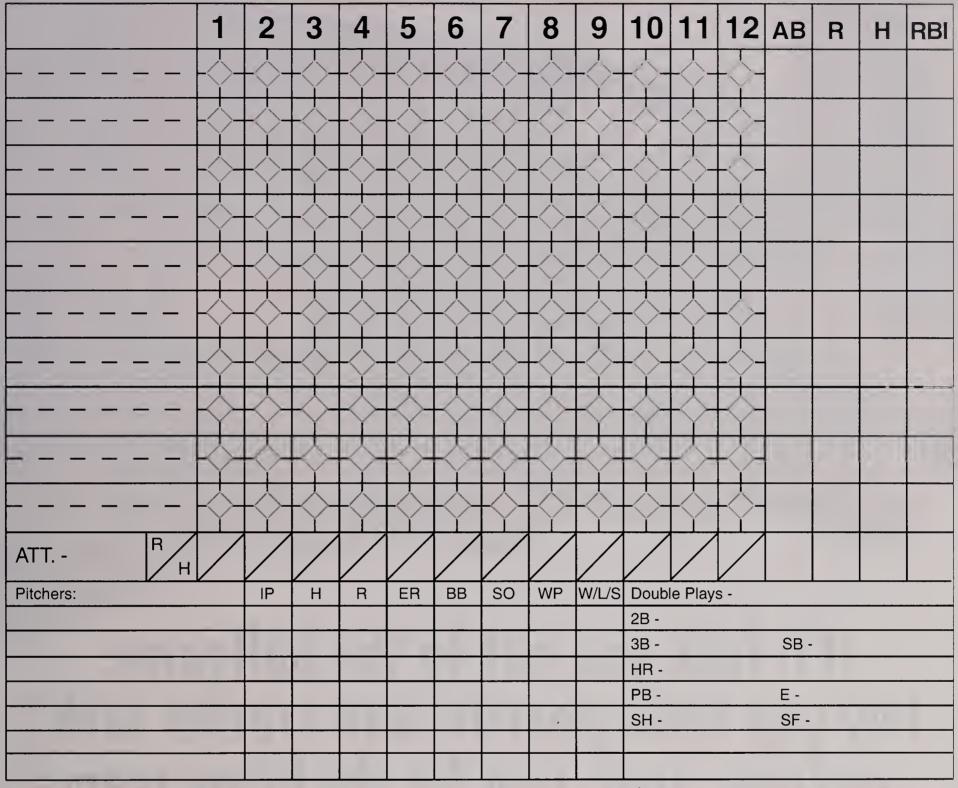
Wally the Green Monster also took part and was his usual hit with the children.

Above: Three-year-old Annett Lysan made a friend in Wally.

Top Left: Heidi Park (1 1/2) received a wave from Tim Wakefield.

Bottom Left: Tim and Doug Tower (5) smiled for the camera.

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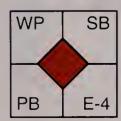
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Fly ball striking wall or flagpole and bounding into bleachers: Home Run.

Fly ball striking line or right of same on wall in right center: Home Run.

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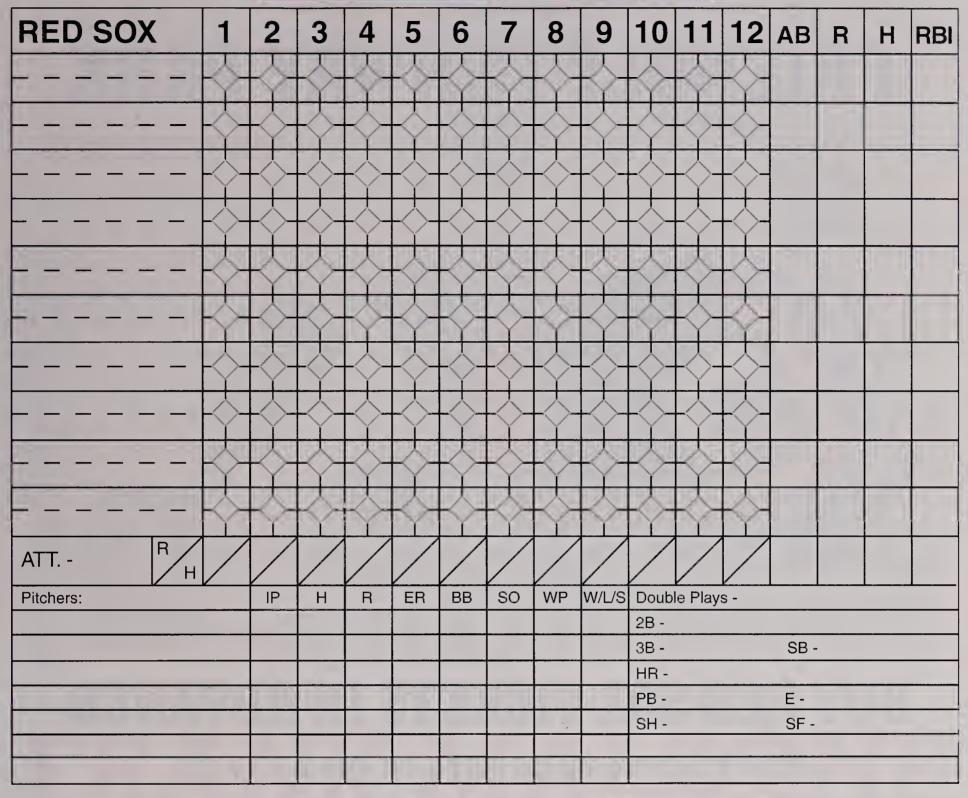
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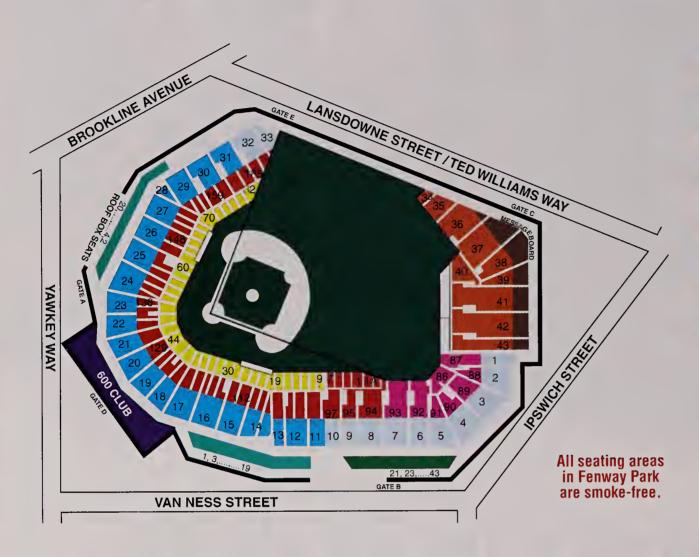
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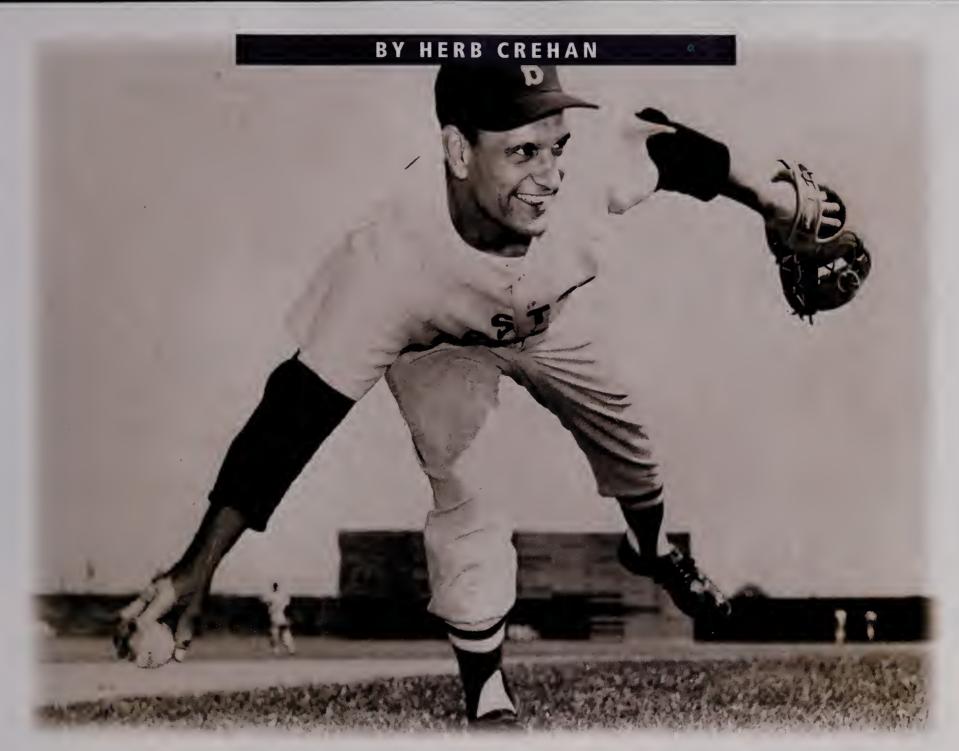
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ADOPTED SONS OF NEW ENGLAND'S TEAM: FRANK MALZONE

rank Malzone, former Boston Red Sox All-Star third baseman, spent eight years working his way through the minors before making it to the big leagues to stay. Once he established himself at third base in 1957, you couldn't get him out of the lineup.

Between May 21, 1957 and June 7, 1960, Malzone played in 475 consecutive games for the Red Sox. This is the third-longest consecutive game streak in Red Sox history, and it hasn't been equaled by any other Red Sox player in nearly 40 seasons.

Frank Malzone was the Red Sox regular third baseman from 1957 to 1965. During that time he was an eight-time American League All-Star, and he won three Gold Gloves in recognition of his fielding prowess. He was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame in 1995.

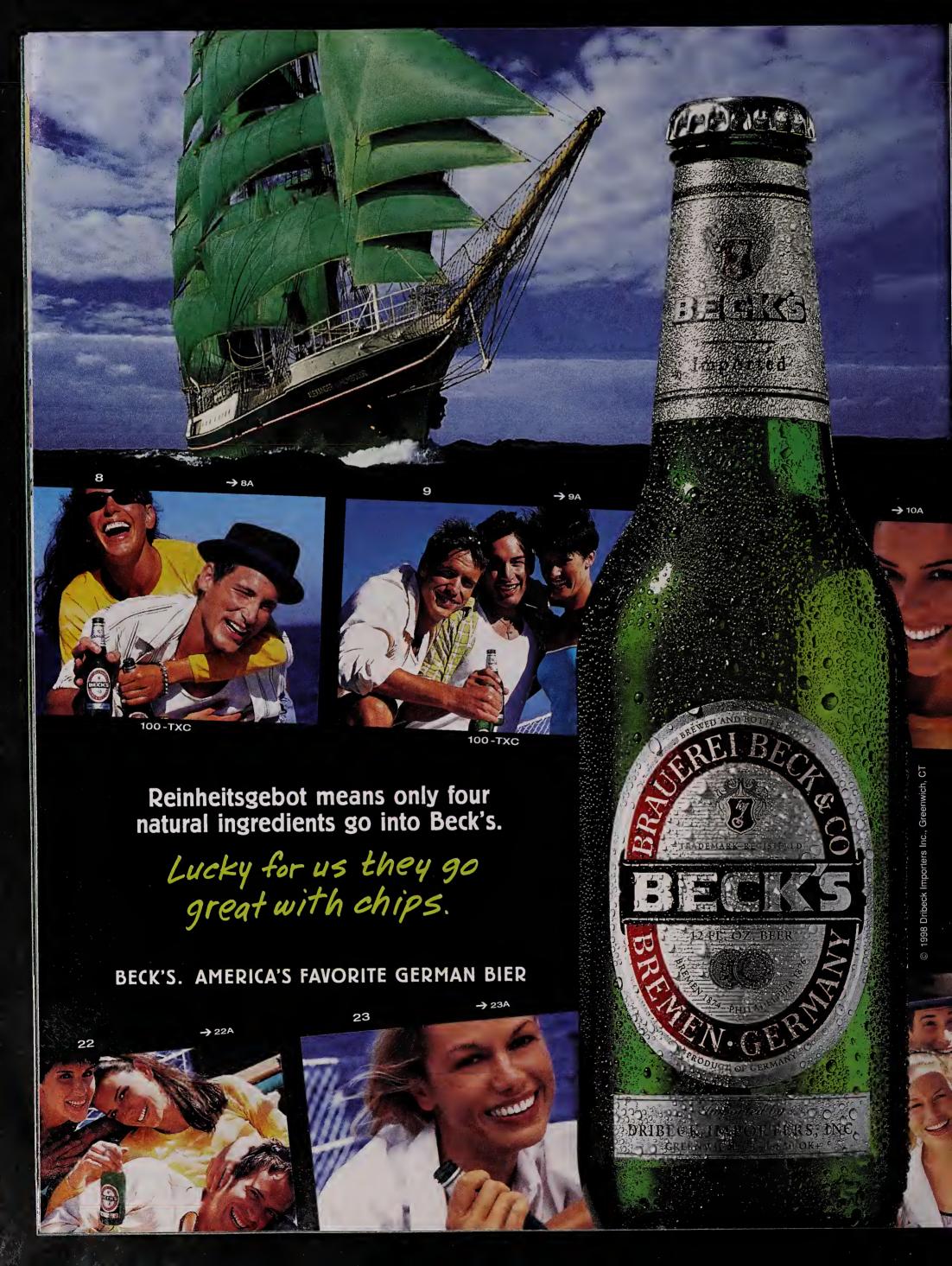
Over the years, more than 1,300 ballplayers have worn the Red Sox uniform. Many of these former players have selected New England as their long-term home. This is the sixth in a continuing series of articles on "adopted and native sons."

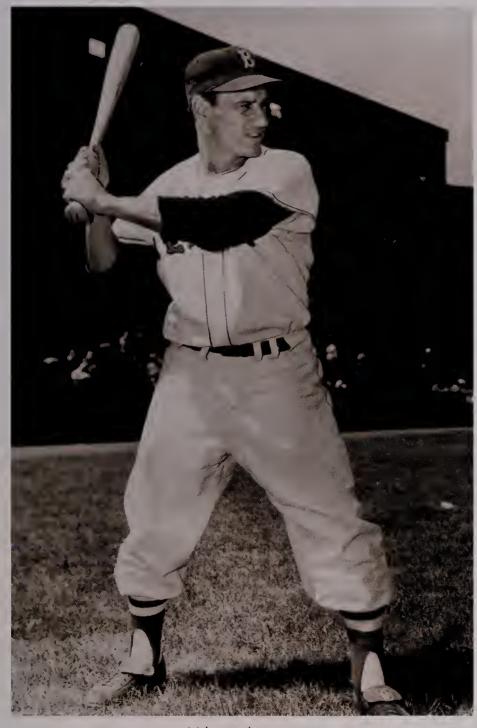
These achievements are certainly impressive, but to really put his career into perspective, listen to Johnny Pesky who has been associated with the team in virtually every phase of the game for 53 years. "Frank Malzone is the greatest third baseman I ever saw in a Red Sox uniform. He was outstanding in the field, and he was a terrific hitter. I played a lot of third base in the major leagues, but I'll tell you one thing, he was one heck of a lot better third baseman than I ever was!"

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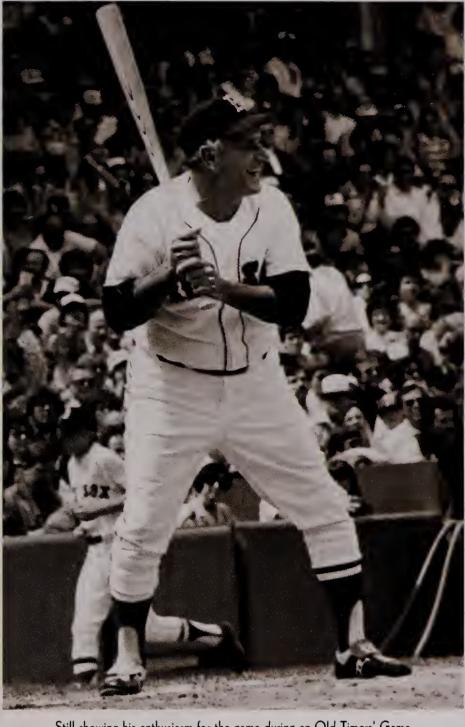
Frank Malzone was born and raised in the Bronx not far from Yankee Stadium. He played a lot of his sandlot ball in the ballpark directly across from "The House That Ruth Built."

"I'll admit to being a Yankee fan as a





Malzone in his prime.



Still showing his enthusiasm for the game during an Old Timers' Game at Fenway in the 1980s.

youngster. As a kid in the 1940s, the Yankee-New York Giants-Brooklyn Dodger rivalry was really hot, and if you grew up in the Bronx, you had to be a Yankee fan. But I was more of a player than a fan."

Asked when he first thought of a career in the big leagues, Frank responds. "I never gave it a thought until the summer of 1948 when I went into the local sporting goods store to replace my worn-out spikes. Sy Phillips was the owner and a 'bird dog' for the Red Sox. He told me I should think about making baseball my career. He ended up signing me to a minor league contract with the Red Sox in October of 1948, and I've been in the game ever since.

"I was on the train with a bunch of other young players heading for the Red Sox minor league spring training camp in Melbourne, Florida, the following spring, and one of the guys said, 'I got a \$1,500 bonus to sign my contract, how did you make out?' I didn't really answer him because that was the first time I ever heard you could get a bonus for signing!"

LONG ROAD TO THE MAJORS

Malzone started his professional baseball career in Milford, Delaware in Class D ball. His .300 average and solid play earned him a promotion to Oneonta, New York, up one notch to Class C ball. Playing under longtime Red Sox minor league manager Eddie "Pop" Popowski, he hit .329 and produced 27 triples.

"Oneonta was where I learned what professional baseball was all about. More importantly, it was where I met my lovely wife, Amy. Best thing that ever happened to me."

His career appeared to be on a fast track when he was promoted another level to Scranton, Pennsylvania, for the 1950 season. Unfortunately, he dislocated his ankle in just the second game, and the season was lost.

"I'll never forget the doctor saying, 'I'm not sure you'll ever play baseball again.' Fortunately, he was wrong."

Malzone returned to Scranton in 1951 batting nearly .300 and continuing his outstanding play in the field. Following that season his career went on hold once more when he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

"I spent two years (the 1952 and 1953 seasons) in the Army. But I spent most of it stationed in Hawaii, and I got to play a lot of baseball. I played mostly at shortstop, and that gave me a different perspective on playing third base."

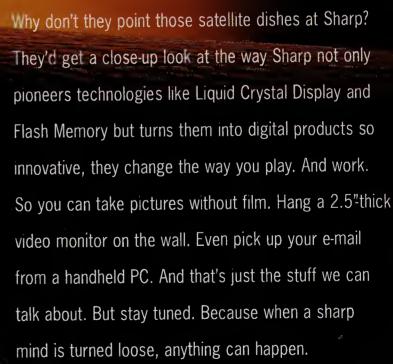


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Malzone being awarded one of his three Rawlings Gold Glove Awards by a Rawlings Co. official.

About the only way you could have kept Malzone from winning the Rookie of the Year Award for 1957 was to change the rules. And that is exactly what happened. Under new guidelines...since he had more than 75 at-bats during his time with the Red Sox in 1955 and 1956, he was ineligible for the award.

Malzone spent the 1954 season with Louisville, Kentucky, at the Triple A minor league level. His solid season contributed to his team's victory in the "Junior World Series." He was back in Louisville for the 1955 season, but he was clearly the Red Sox third baseman of the future. The parent team called him up to the majors in September of 1955, and he rewarded their confidence by going 6-10 in a doubleheader against the Baltimore Orioles.

The 1956 season could have been his first full season in the majors, but a personal family tragedy threw him totally off-stride. The Red Sox sent him to their top farm team in San Francisco after 27 games in the majors.

Playing under manager Joe Gordon in San Francisco, Malzone got his game back in gear, and he was ready for "The Show."

ROOKIE SENSATION

Frank Malzone was 27 years old when he finally made it to Fenway Park for good. He started the season as if he was trying to make up for lost time, and never slowed down. His first half was so strong that he was named to the American League All-Star team along with teammate Ted Williams. By the end of the season, he had knocked in 103 runs, rapped out 15 home runs and compiled the best fielding average of any American League third baseman.

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While the writers were busy drafting the

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Johnny Pesky recalls,

"He was just about the perfect ballplayer. He went out every day and worked his butt off. And he played the game as well as any of them."

"Malzone Amendment" to the Rookie of the Year Award, Rawlings Sporting Goods was introducing a new award: the Gold Glove Award to recognize fielding excellence. Gold Gloves were awarded for the first time following the 1957 season, and Frank Malzone was recognized as the best fielding third baseman in the *major leagues*.

In 1958, Malzone played every one of the Red Sox 155 games and virtually duplicated his outstanding first full-year performance. He made the American League All-Star team once more, and helped the Red Sox to a respectable third-place finish in the eight-team race. That year the Gold Glove Award was expanded to recognize a player at each position in both leagues, and he was voted the best fielding third baseman in the American League.

HOT CORNER STANDOUT

Malzone's consistency continued into 1959 as he once again appeared in all 154 Red Sox games, made the American League All-Star team, and earned a Golden Glove at third. In 1960, Malzone demonstrated that he was human as his 475 consecutive-game streak came to an end.

"To be honest, I don't even remember the day my streak ended. In those days, the players and the media weren't as conscious of statistics as they are today. It may have been the second game of a doubleheader, and they decided to give me a rest. I never paid much attention to individual statistics anyway."

In 1960, his Gold Glove streak came to an end also, but it took a future Hall of Famer



Malzone was one of the first Red Sox to be inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame in November of 1995. Former Red Sox broadcasters and the evening's Masters of Ceremonies Ken Coleman and Curt Gowdy offer their congratulations.

to do it. In 1960, Baltimore's Brooks Robinson won his first of 16 consecutive Gold Gloves as the American League's best fielding third baseman. "Since I won the first Gold Glove Award, and the only one they ever gave for all of major league baseball, I used to kid Brooksie and say, 'You're winning them all now, but I've got one fielding award you'll never win!" laughs Malzone.

Over the next five years, Malzone would play virtually every game, contribute significantly to the offense, and field his position flawlessly. He was so consistent, that his contributions were not always recognized. Former Red Sox pitcher Gene Conley calls Malzone one of his favorite ballplayers. "I first saw Frank Malzone when he batted against me in Scranton in 1951. We were just a couple of 20-year-old kids. I was pitching for Hartford, and he hit my best pitch a ton. He impressed me then, and he still impresses me.

"I think he sometimes got overlooked because he made the hard plays look easy. When I was pitching for the Red Sox he used to say, 'If the ball is hit towards third base, you just duck down and stay out of the way. I'll take care of it.' And he always did."

Johnny Pesky recalls, "He was just about the perfect ballplayer. He went out every day and worked his butt off. And he played the game as well as any of them."

Following the 1965 season, General Manager Dick O'Connell told Malzone that he didn't fit in with the club's future plans, and gave him his release so he could catch on with another team. In 1966, Frank played in 82 games for the California Angels. "It was pretty strange coming into Fenway Park in a visitor's uniform," Frank reflects. "I remember doubling into the left-field corner and feeling a little funny standing on second base."

MAJOR LEAGUE SCOUT

When the Red Sox released Frank Malzone following the 1965 season, General Manager Dick O'Connell had promised that there would be a place for him in the Red Sox organization when his playing days were over. In the fall of 1966, Malzone returned to the organization in the Scouting Department. For the next 27 years, he served as an advance scout, providing the ball club with valuable information on their upcoming opponents.

For the past five years he has served the Red Sox as a special assignment scout providing evaluations on players in the majors and the minors. "It's a part of the game the fans Continued on Page 59

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by Peter Olivieri



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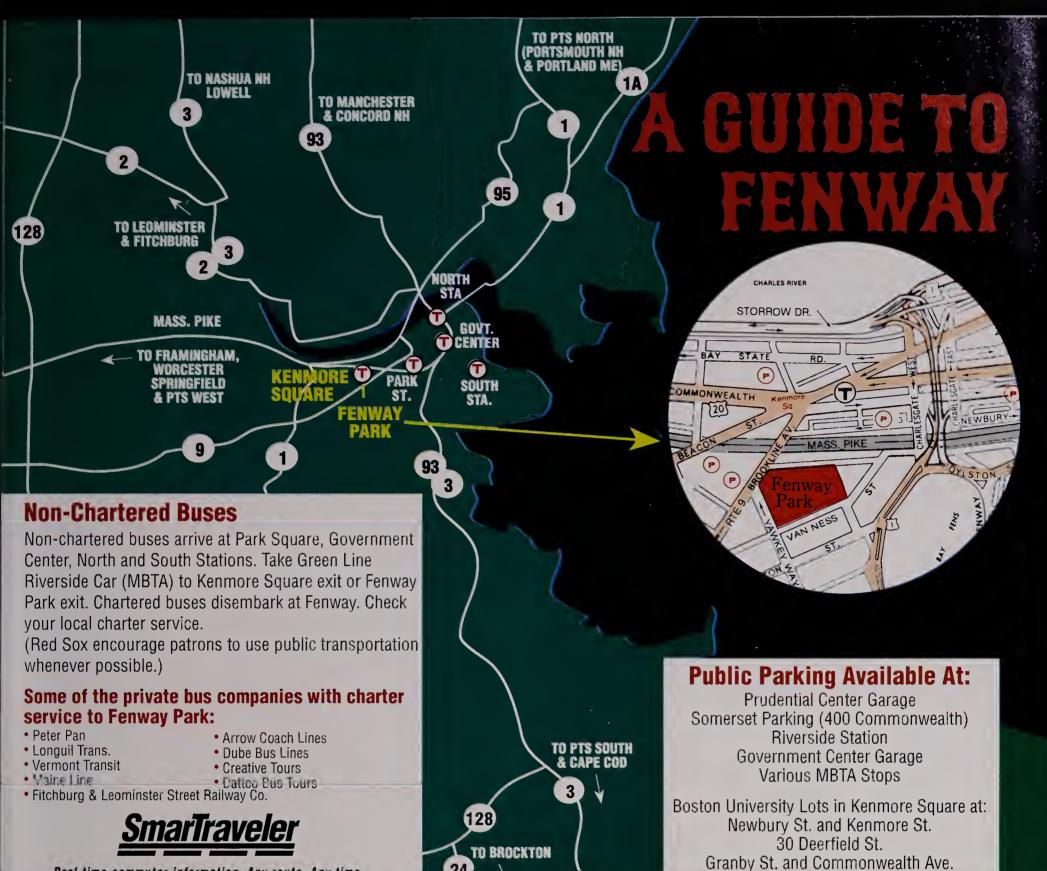
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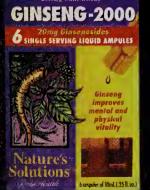






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Everything changed when Ted Williams got into the lineup. ... Williams was wonderful, the greatest of all the great Red Sox.

After his playing days, he worked with the Red Sox in various capacities — coach, scout, minor league manager. He was instrumental in signing Carlton Fisk.

In my early years, we had a right-field pavilion and left-field pavilion. They did not have individual seats like the grandstand, but bleacher-type seating. The price for these seats was 75 cents, when the bleachers were 50 cents. A few times during a rain delay, the gates from the bleacher seats were opened, and we were admitted to covered stands.

Everything changed when Ted Williams got into the lineup. He was with us a long time except for two stints in the military during the war. Williams was wonderful, the greatest of all the great Red Sox.

We won the pennant in 1946, and we applied for tickets for the Series, followed all proper procedures, but we were shut out, and our money was returned to us. However, I did get to one game, the second, which we lost by a big score. A salesman who had done some business with me on my job at that time, called and invited me to the game with him. I accepted happily.

This was our first pennant in 28 years!

Tex Hughson was the ace of the pitching staff during these good times. It seems to me that he was almost always in 2 to 1 games, win or lose. We had a lot of great pitchers over the years. Hughson was my favorite. I remember how he ran to first base on ground balls to the infield, even on taps back to the pitcher. He started with almost dainty little steps and then ran full speed to first base and beyond, no matter by what margin he was out. HE was a worker.

Johnny Pesky was a top player, always on base. When I was at the park well before game time, I saw a lot of good natured ribbing between Pesky and Williams. They were good team men and respected each other.

Jimmie Foxx was an all-time favorite. Not only was he a prodigious batter, but he was a strong runner and thrower. Seeing him go from first to third with his big hard slide on a single to right was a sight to behold.

Ted Williams took a constant beating from a small group of left-field fans, radio talk shows and a segment of the press. The Colonel (Dave Egan) of the Hearst paper (The Record) in Boston made a career of bashing him.



Doc Cramer, Ted Williams, Jimmie Foxx

Sometimes, when he hit a dramatic home run, I would watch him circling the bases with his familiar lope, head down, and with all the fans standing and cheering, I would hopé (maybe this is the time), wishing that for once he might tip his hat. He never did.

When fielding a ball hit into the left-field corner, Ted never rushed. It was a two-base hit for the slowest runner in the league. Ted played the ball carefully and never played it into a triple, as sometimes a hustling player did. Anyway, his coterie of hecklers always hooted.

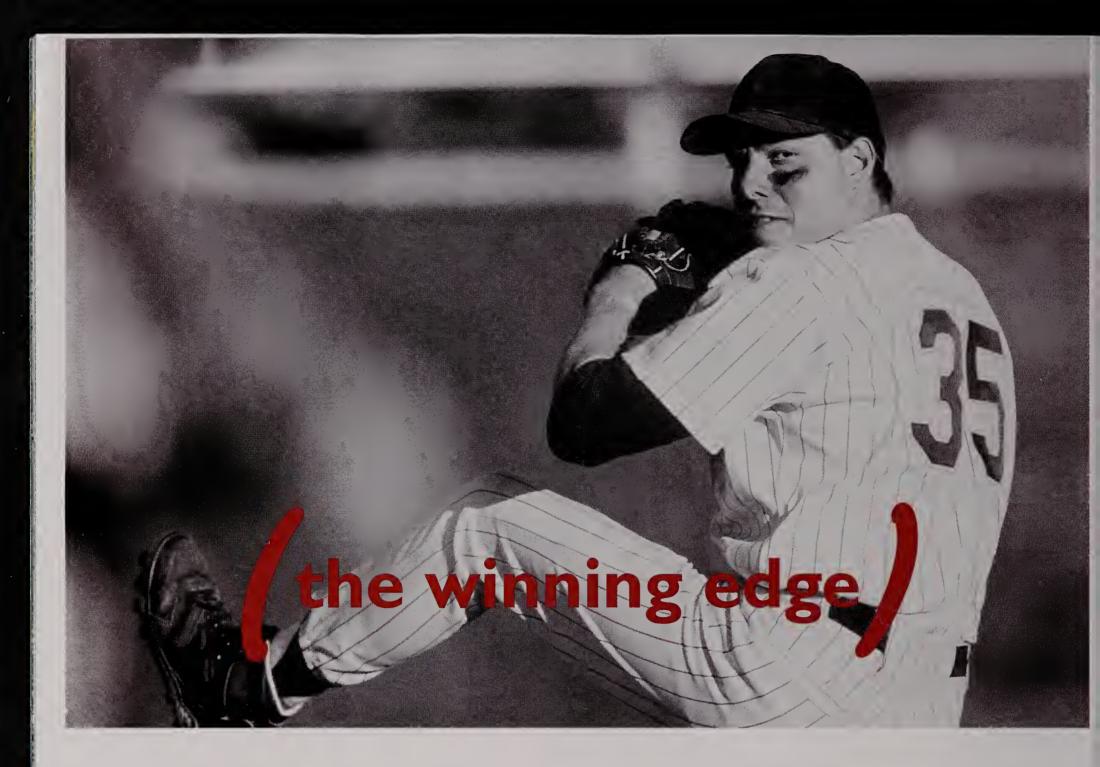
Ted had a strong arm. I remember plays when with a runner on first, the batter singled to left, and Williams fielded it almost casually, and holding the ball in his hand, looked at the runner who had rounded second. The runner was looking at Williams in what looked like a slow motion dance. Sometimes, when the runner moved too far from the base, Williams snapped a throw to second and sometimes caught him. Of course, I know the old baseball axiom of "never throw behind the runner." Like many axioms, it applies most of the time, but not always. It seems that Williams knew when to do it, and when not to do it. Sometimes, when I saw that play, I said to myself that maybe he had never made that throw against that team

before. Maybe he knew from experience which players he might catch. I don't know, maybe I know enough about baseball to know that I don't know much about baseball. Anyway, I never saw a runner get to third on that play when Williams made it.

But of course, watching Ted Williams at bat was probably the best scene of Red Sox baseball over the years. The whole park was tense with excitement when Ted was up.

I took the afternoon off on that fateful October Monday in 1948 when the Sox played one game to settle the league championship. We ended the season tied with Cleveland for first place. We were hard up for pitchers. All the top ones had thrown a lot of innings to tie for the top. So, the selection for that game was Denny Galehouse. Not a bad pitcher. In fact, a pretty good one, who had been in major league ball a long time, but I guess he was not the one for that vital game. We lost, 8 to 4. Lou Boudreau was managing the Indians and had a couple of big hits.

In 1967, Yaz, of course, had an amazing year, the greatest of his long history. It seems that there was scarcely a day when he did not have a game-winning hit, or a game-saving catch or throw.



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I had met Earl Battey around that time. He was a catcher for the Chicago White Sox and for Minnesota, but had retired from the game at an earlier age than usual because of an injury to his hand. I had seen him play and knew him as an all-star catcher. He was teaching and coaching in Dobbs Ferry, New York, and I used to see him quite often and we talked baseball. So, one day in September of 1967, after the Sox had the pennant sewed up, Earl asked me if I was going to Boston to see my team in the Series. I told him that it was impossible to get tickets, and he, to my surprise, said that he could get them for me. Naturally, I was very happy about that, and the next day he informed me that he had made a phone call and that two tickets for each of the home games would be on hand in my name at a certain location in the Somerset Hotel.

So, my brother, Ed, and I both got time off from our jobs and headed for Boston. On the morning of the first game, I picked up two tickets each for Games One, Two, Six and Seven. The middle games were in the National League city, St. Louis. We saw the first two games, and my brother, Bill, who lived in Winchester, Mass. took the tickets for the last two.

They were beautiful early fall days, and it was wonderful to be at Fenway Park again at a World Series game. We split the first two games. Clearest in my memory of these games was a home run by Yaz in Game Two. It must have been late in the game, because Joel Horner, a reliever, was pitching. Horner was a tough left-handed pitcher with a good fastball, and he was reputed to have an exceptional curveball, and was tough for any left-hander to hit. The home run was really a shot, and in my mind's eye, I can see it zooming by our vantage point along the right-field line.

Bob Gibson was pitching for St. Louis in one of the games we saw. I wasn't near enough to the plate to appreciate him, but he was without a doubt one of the greatest. Nobody was getting on base.

Fred Lynn and Jim Rice came up at the same time in the '70s, with each having sensational seasons in 1975. Lynn was a natural. He could hit everything well. Rice had great physical strength and was a big RBI man. They were major players in getting us to the dramatic series of 1975.



Carl Yastrzemski

Probably one of the most often shown scenes in the history of baseball was the Carlton Fisk home run in the 1975 Series, with Fisk part-way down the first-base line waving the ball fair. More important, but less dramatized, was the home run with two on base by Bernie Carbo earlier in the game.

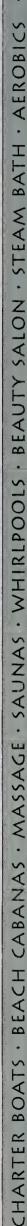
Fisk was a great player. When he came out of his catcher's position, with his mask tipped back, and with an almost imperious manner, I could understand how fans of other teams could resent him. He was, however, tops in making a tag, running the bases and handling pitchers.

I didn't get to the Series in '75 or '86, our last shots for the top. I never faulted Bill Buckner for his error in '86, that has probably been shown on TV as often as Fisk's home run. He had a big year and came through with big hits, so many times, with two strikes on him. That one disastrous play is one that Buckner obviously will never forget. It was not a hard hit ball, he pulled up probably a tenth of a second too soon. This was about as close as anyone can come to winning, without winning. But anyway, Bill Buckner, good wishes, wherever you are.

Fun is important in my being a Sox fan.



Carlton Fisk





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Pesky was a fun player. George Scott, in his good years, was pure fun. Birdie Tebbetts, even carrying all the tools of his trade, usually had a big smile. Dave Henderson was with us only a short time, but was a pleasure to watch. I remember a game, where we were winning about 10 to 5, when Dave was on second and he scored on a hit to center field. He made a big happy slide over the plate on a play that was not close, and even though he had his back to me, I could picture the big smile on his face.

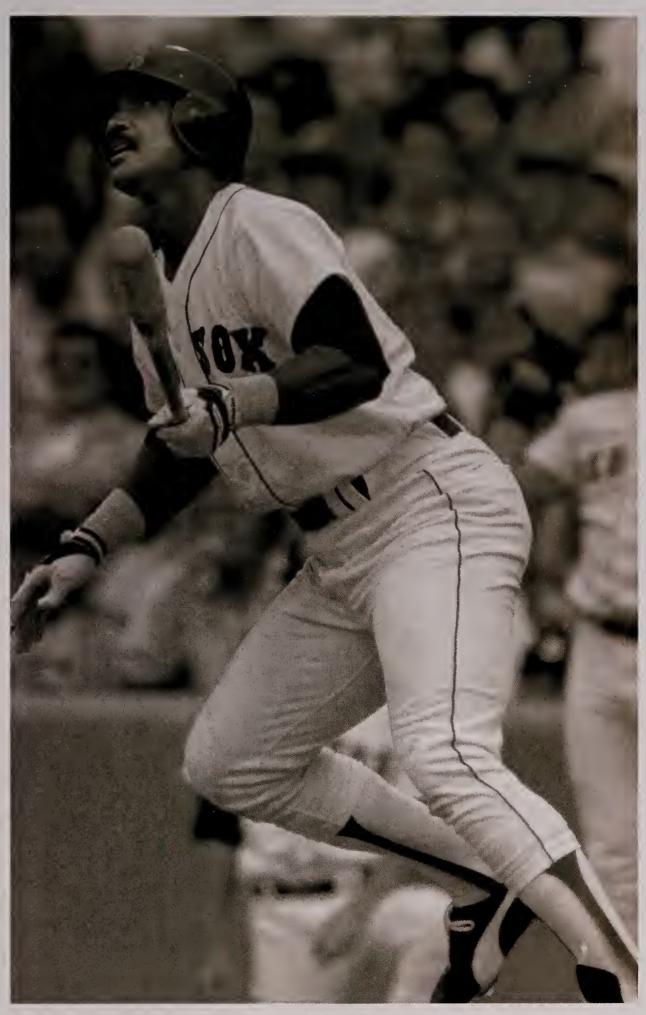
Roger Clemens was one of the greatest of the great Red Sox. I watched him winning a 1-0 game in 1990 over Toronto on TV. We had a lot of close-ups, and I could see tremendous intensity on every pitch, so much, so that I was exhausted at the end of the game.

My last Red Sox game was about six years ago. It's getting to be too much for my aging limbs. But, one day about six years ago, my friend and member of our Monday night bridge foursome, Dick Grodin of Jaffrey, phoned and said that he had two tickets for the game at Fenway, and if I could go, he would drive. Of course, I was delighted. We had excellent seats. Frank Viola pitched and won.

What about the game of baseball? Does it have some mystical quality? Not in my opinion. Is Fenway Park a shrine? Not at all. On the other hand, is it just a game? Also, NO.



Mo Vaughn



Jim Rice

Some little things are special. One day long before the game started, I was on Jersey Street. Batting practice was on, and I heard, that long distance away, the crack of the bat against the ball. I felt good. When I haven't been at the park for a while, and then I walk up the ramp and get my first view, it's beautiful and exciting. Little things — watching the leisurely sprints of the pitchers prior to the game. How do you sprint leisurely? That's what they do. Watching a couple of catchers, a long distance

apart, throwing and loosening their arms. Seeing Don Zimmer trot out to his coaching position. Watching the ground crew wet the field, and when the game starts, all the little routines and amenities that go with the game.

And so, like the rest of us, the Sox have their ups and downs. Win some, lose some. It's a very pleasant journey. No complaints.

Hope springs eternal.



Our preoccupation with letters, words and phrases

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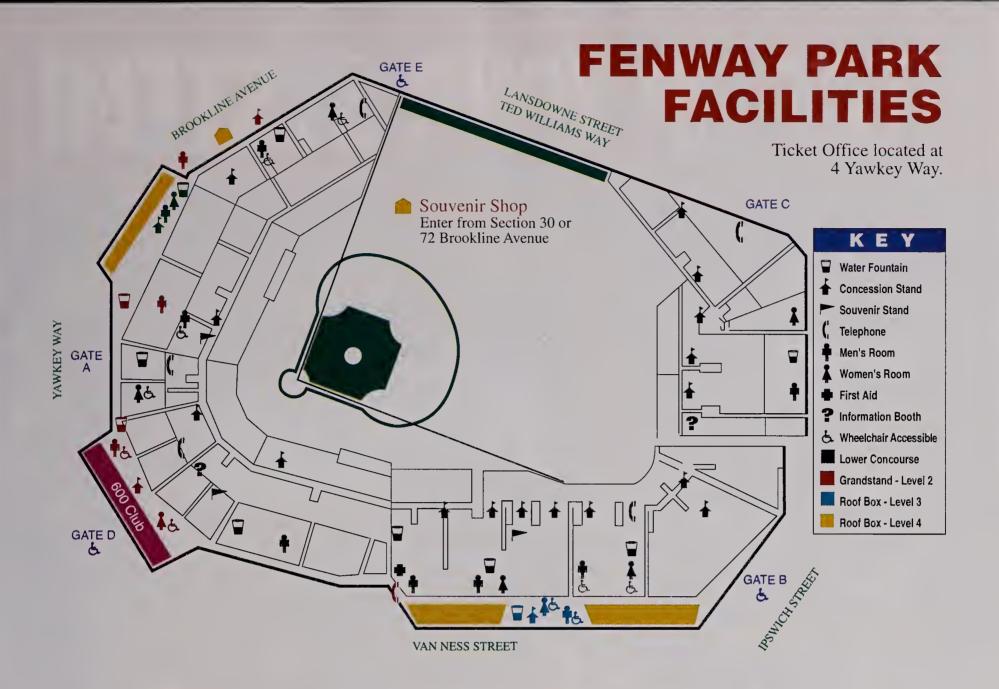
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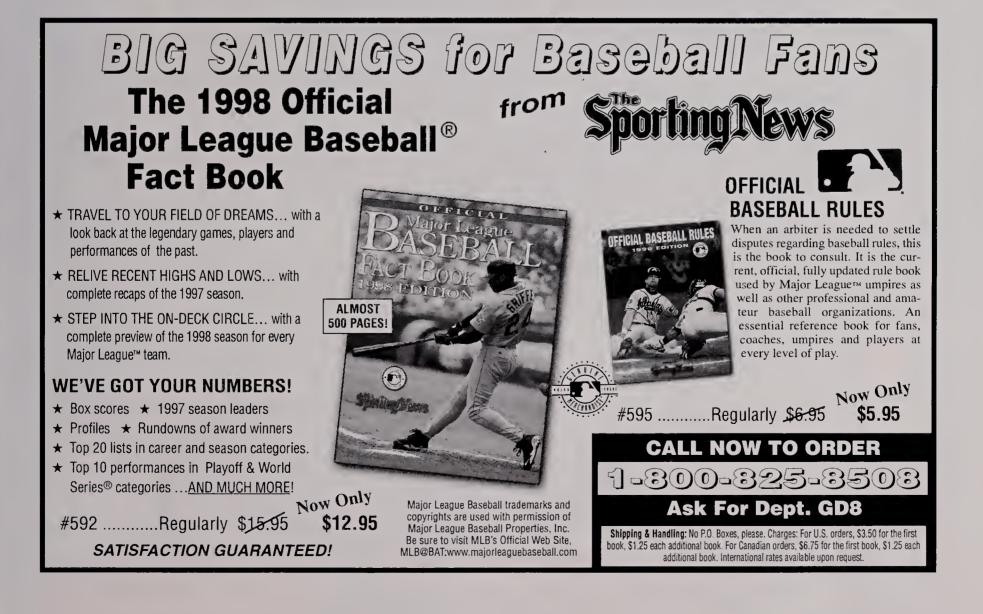
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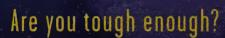


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The names of 17 players who have worn a Red Sox uniform this season can be inserted into the diagramless crossword puzzle below. The first name is given as a starting point. See if you can fit them all into place.

1998 BOSTON RED SOX - PLAYERS

5 LETTERS AVERY CORSI LEMKE LEWIS	6 LETTERS GORDON OLEARY WASDIN	7 LETTERS BARKLEY 8 LETTERS VALENTIN
9 LETTERS ECKERSLEY HATTEBERG JEFFERSON WAKEFIELD	10 LETTERS SABERHAGEN	11 LETTERS GARCIAPARRA

Double Play

The 5-letter names of two current players for each of the National League teams listed below have been enmeshed into the following lines of letters. Both names read from left to right. How many can you unscramble?

Example: CLASMIRTHK

CLASMIRTHK Clark and Smith

(Atlanta) JOLONEPSEZ 2. (Cincinnati) TOBOOMKMEO (Philadelphia) 3. LEROWLISEN (St. Louis) MMABCGREEY 4. 5. (San Diego) GBRWOYWNNN (San Francisco) EBONSTEDSS 6.

GARCIAPARRA

ANAGRAM NAMES

Each of the phrases below is an anagram for the last name of a 1998 Boston Red Sox player. How many can you unscramble?

- VAN HUG 1.
- 2. LONE RIM
- LINT VANE
- 4. RELY ZIT
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- 6. I WALK FEED
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thing, the playoffs, World Series. The key for us is staying healthy."

To that end, Kerrigan and the training staff have installed a maintenance system. "I think we've been very fortunate this year that most of our guys have stayed healthy in the rotation," said Kerrigan, whose concept is to maintain strength through a variety of drills. It may be upper-body weights one day, long distance road work the next. "I think it starts with that — being able to answer the bell for every start."

And Williams is cautious not to overextend any of his starters. "We try to protect them as much as we can, from the standpoint of making sure that they don't utilize too many pitches too often and make sure they get enough days in between (starts)," he said. "You try to protect your assets."

The Red Sox starting rotation has certainly been an asset this season. Those disclaimers seem hardly necessary now.



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don't see," observed Pesky. "But I can assure you that Frank Malzone is as good at evaluating talent as anybody in the business."

Frank Malzone's two-week itinerary in late July and early August of this year represents a typical assignment. He started out in Milwaukee, moved on to Philadelphia for five days, and then headed off to Pittsburgh. "You like to stay five days in a city so you can get a look at all of a team's starting pitching. I stay out for two weeks and then come home for a few days. If you stay at it much over two weeks, you start to lose your edge.

"All the big league clubs provide seats for the scouts right behind the backstop. My job is to accumulate as much information about the player, both on the field and off the field, as I can. I summarize my findings for the front office, and they make the final decisions. I don't carry a radar gun to check the pitcher's speed; I can usually tell from the batter's reaction how fast the pitch was."

THE HOME FRONT

Frank Malzone is originally from New York City, and his wife, Amy, is from upstate New York, but Needham, Mass. has been home for 40 years. "We decided to stay in the area after the 1958 season, so my kids grew up there and went through school there. We've gotten to know a lot of people in Needham over the years. It's definitely our home."

Frank and Amy Malzone celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary in August. Their five children: Jimmy; Paul; Frankie, Jr.; Anne Susan and John all live in the general area. The children and their six grandchildren are frequent visitors at the Malzone home.

"We are very family-oriented. It's great when the kids and grandkids come over for a visit."

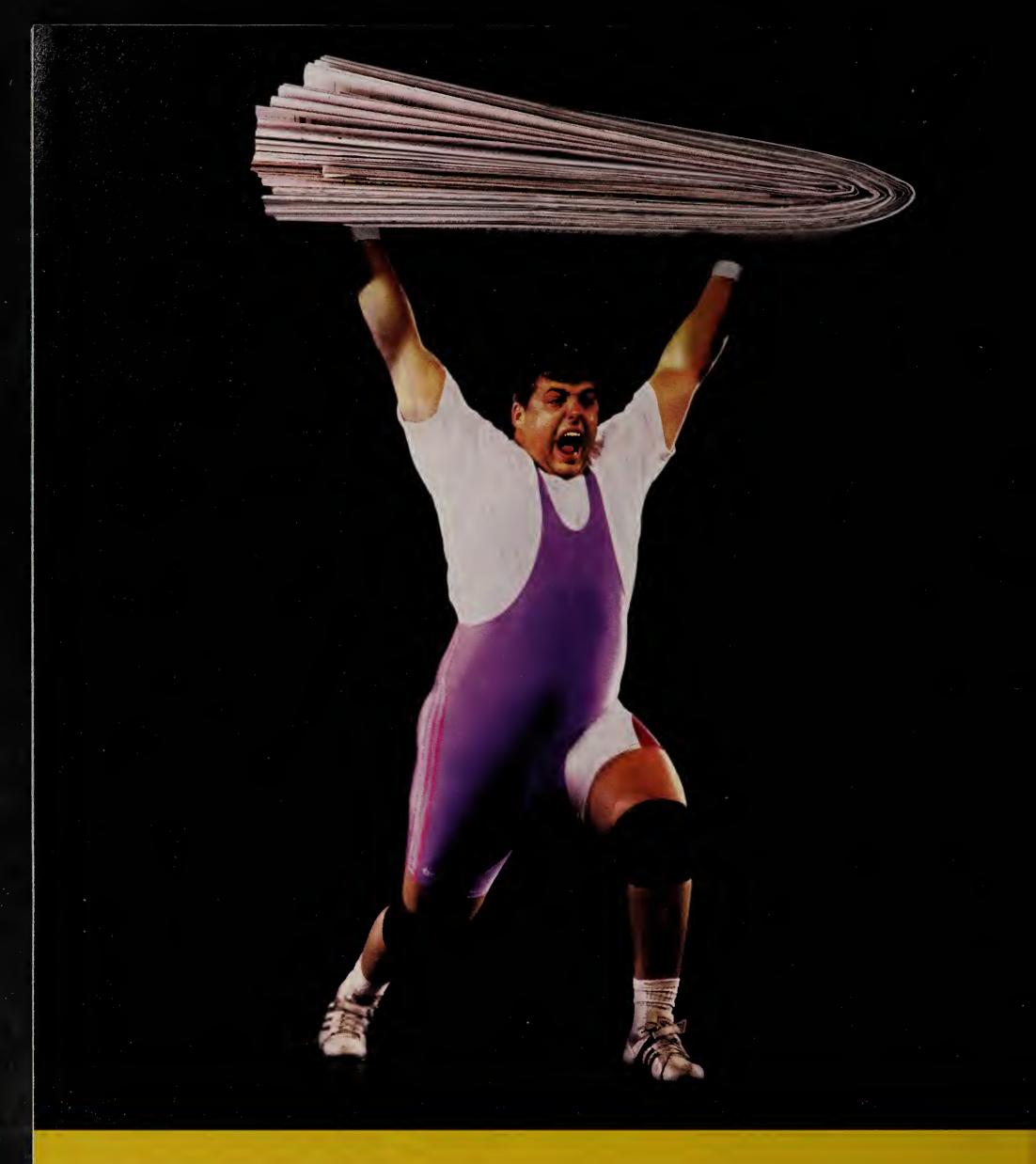
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"One of my biggest thrills was flying to St. Louis with Ted Williams for the 1957 All-Star Game. Here I was in my first full year, and I'm sitting with Ted on my way to play with Mickey Mantle and Al Kaline, and against Stan Musial and Willie Mays. What a great experience."

The Boston Red Sox have been blessed with many outstanding players during their 98 exciting seasons. But if you had to pick one single player to make the crucial play in the field, or to bring the winning run home from third base, you couldn't make a better choice than Frank Malzone, a very dependable man.

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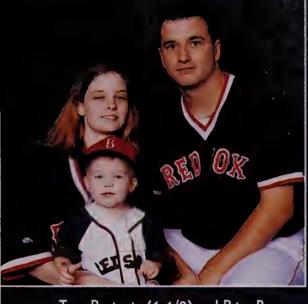
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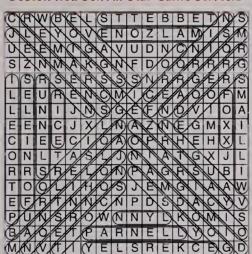
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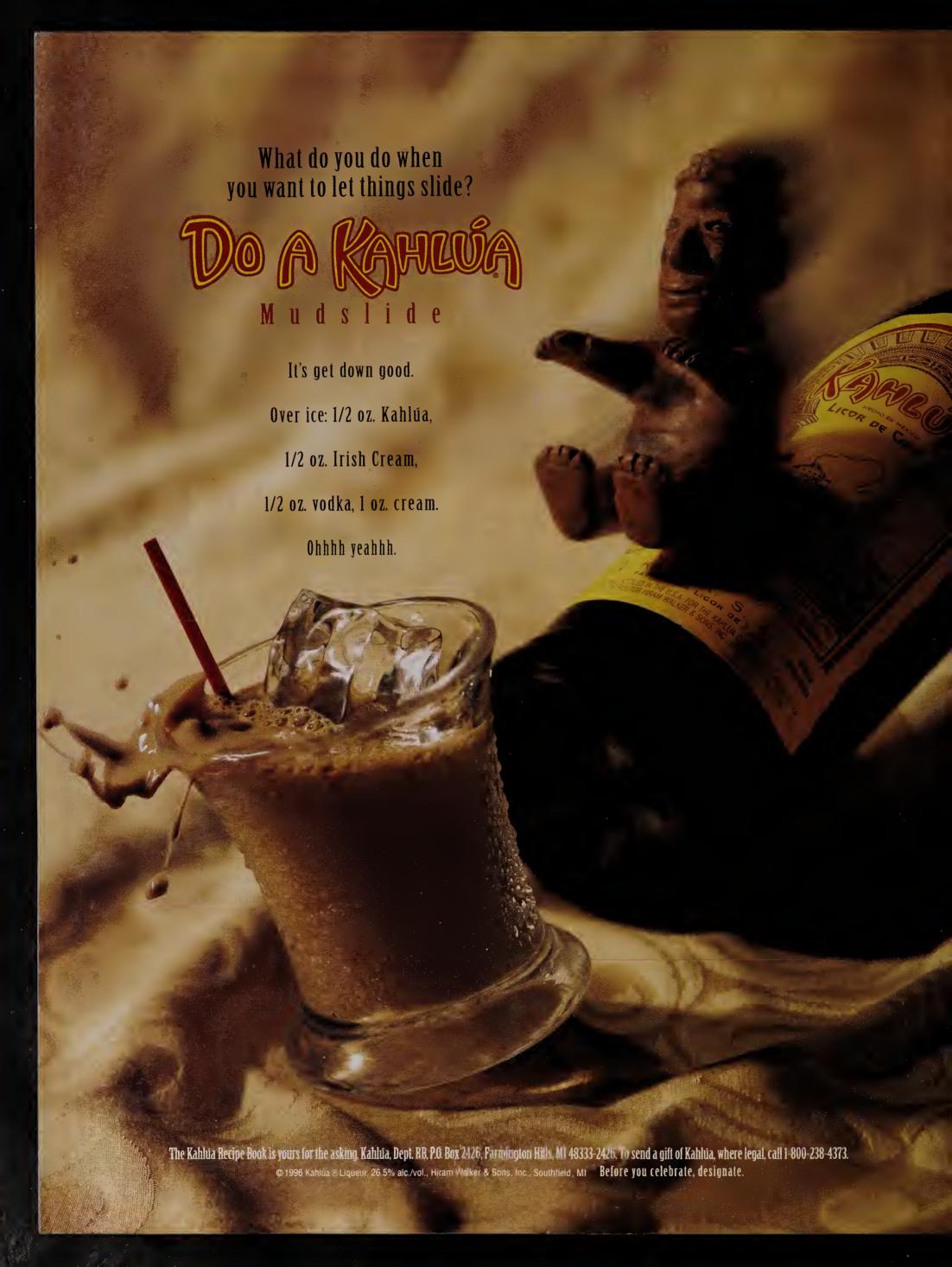
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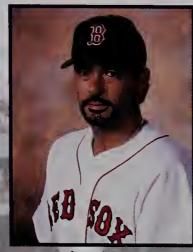
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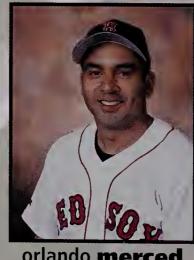
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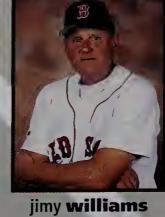
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